Parking lot design causes problem

By DENNY BUNYAN

Poor design of the Niagara College parking lots makes snow clearance a difficult and tedious job at the best of times and next to impossible at the worst.

In a letter to the editor of the Niagara News, Joe Harrison, of Harrison's Snow Removal, the company that clears snow from the campus, blamed the design of the parking lots for problems experienced during the big snowstorm that started Jan. 9.

The small hills surrounding all the parking lots act as a check on the snow, Mr. Harrison said. "Once the snow blows in, there is no way for it to blow back out because of the hills."

He said the new parking lot situated behind the Lundy-Merrit building is the worst one of all. By the time he and his crew had cleared the lot, there were six-foot piles around all four sides. With the high winds that accompanied the storm, it was impossible to keep that lot clear.

"No matter which direction the wind came from, it blew right into the lot," Mr. Harrison said.

"Even the largest, finest plow in the country could not do a thing when confronted with the mounds surrounding the lots." Mr. Harrison said in his letter. "All of the parking lots are built in holes."

Usually snow fencing is erected to help cut down on blowing and drifting snow. During a joint interview with Mr. Harrison and Ed Krikorian, building and operations supervisor, Mr. Krikorian said, "There was just not enough time to put up snow fencing this year."

Many students were heard complaining three days after the storm about the overall conditon of the parking lots and sidewalks.

"It is easy for people to criticize without knowing the facts," Mr. Harrison said. "With snow conditions as they were after the storm, the college was damn lucky to have 2½ parking lots open."

The contract the college has with Harrison's allows for 40 hours of snow clearance per week. Any time needed over and above 40 hours costs the college more money. Mr. Harrison said the whole area was cleared at one point, but the snow kept blowing back and there was no point doing the same work over again. He said he tried to use his own judgment to "keep the expense to the college down."

$7,000 BUDGET

It costs the college $14 an hour for a snow plow and $20 for a front-end loader, all of which has

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Student literacy increases

By NELLE OOSTEROM

The recent flood of reports showing that English proficiency in secondary and post-secondary schools is deteriorating are misleading, two Niagara College English instructors say. Overall literacy has in fact increased.

"I think there's an almost hysterical atmosphere about some of the things being said about the literacy level of students," Ray Matthews, English co-ordinator, said.

Generalization such as, "Graduates cannot put together a sentence" are irresponsible distortions of the facts, he said.

In a Queen's University study published in 1976, 55 per cent of third year graduates were listed as semi-literate, 8.8 per cent as illiterate.

ILLITERACY VARIES

But the Queen's survey is misleading, Mr. Matthews said, because the definition of illiteracy varies. There are two types of illiteracy. One is functional, in which a person cannot read or write. The other is mechanical, in which a person makes grammatical errors.

Thirty Brock University students taking a Niagara College remedial English course which Mr. Matthews will conduct suffer from the second kind of illiteracy, he said.

"Students with problems in basic grammar are generally very intelligent and keen, but, for one reason or another, happen to be weak in this one area," he said.

"It's unfortunate that we've received so much bad press on the question," Gary Webb, English instructor, said.

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RAY MATTHEWS

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Plan publicity drive for Feb. 10 protest

PRESS TIME DEVELOPMENTS

Two sub-committees were formed last Thursday to get community feedback and to launch an all-out publicity campaign on increased tuition fees and the proposed Feb. 10 protest.

The publicity campaign may include coverage by Eyewitness News, Channel 7, Buffalo.

By KAREN MONCK

"What would you suggest? We tried petitions—they're in the garbage. We tried talking—they wouldn't listen. What should we do next—go out and blow up buildings?"

The question of how students could protest tuition increases announced by the ministry of colleges and universities for next fall was posed by Vic Mutart, Student Administrative Council (SAC) theatre arts division representative, at a meeting in the Hamilton Room Jan. 25.

The meeting established a committee to decide on Niagara's action and heard a comment from A.S. Manera, Niagara president, that it would be "speculative" at this point to predict continuing tuition increases in future years.

An increase in tuition fees of $75 for community colleges and $100 for universities was announced by Harry Parrott, minister of colleges and universities, Nov. 24. SAC called the meeting to discuss the possibility of Niagara students taking some action Feb. 10 as part of an anti-tuition-increase campaign being organized by the Ontario Federation of Students (OFS).

A committee of 15 students was made up of volunteers to survey Niagara students to decide what course of action, if any, should be taken.

The suggestion of OFS representative Lyn Feldman of Toronto that a half-day moratorium on classes be held to allow students to attend rallies or solicit signatures on petitions met with disapproval of Niagara students at the meeting and representatives of the Brock Student Union.

Guido Rapone, SAC executive vice-president, said he agreed with all the issues but thought boycotting classes for half a day would only cheat students out of the benefits of those classes.

BEWARE OF PRESS

Peter Siegel, executive assistant to the president of the Brock Student Union and in charge of special projects, said the walkout at Brock University on Nov. 9 for National Students Day failed because no one showed up to protest. The reaction of the press hurt the student position because of pictures published showing empty meeting halls where rallies had been planned, he said.

The same thing could happen if a walkout were planned again, he said.

"So, if you're going to have a moratorium, you'd better make sure students don't go to classes or the press will slaughter you," Peter said.

Ms Feldman said it was not necessary to have a whole campus shut-down as a goal, but some action should be planned.

A petition campaign to protest tuition increases was organized at an emergency meeting of the OFS 48 hours after Dr. Parrott's announcement. At a Dec. 10 meeting with student council executives from across Ontario, Dr. Parrott was presented with petitions with 30,000 signatures. According to Vic and Ms Feldman, Dr. Parrott threw the petitions into the garbage.

Another emergency meeting of the OFS in January brought the recommendation that some sort of action should be taken on most campuses across the province on Feb. 10 to protest the increases.

Although Niagara is not a member of the OFS, Vic attended the emergency meetings to report to SAC what other colleges were doing. Niagara took part in the petition campaign last year.

FEES TO TRIPLE?

Ms Feldman said the increases should be opposed "in context and not in isolation." She said it is conceivable that the ministry will institute a 65 per cent increase in tuition fees over the next three or four years, tripling them in five years.

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"Hmmm, well to tell you the truth I haven't given the matter much thought, but I might take part in the protest." This tiny student—a little young for these deliberations—was caught by the camera in rather a pensive mood at the college nursery centre.

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EDITORIAL

Parking lots look nice, but...

In the last 10 years, Niagara College has seen many changes, most of them for the better. However, there still remains one thing that needs to be changed. Something that was wrong right from the start—the parking lots.

One can only assume that in the original plans for the college, the parking lots looked almost park-like, with sloping grassy knolls hiding cars and giving the area that carefully-landscaped look. Ah yes, how very pretty; but as far as practicality goes...forget it!

Winter transforms the lots into snow fields navigable only on snowshoes or cross-country skis.

Who is to blame for the deplorable conditions that exist in the parking lots?

The man whose responsibility it is to try and keep the lots clear says the fault lies in the design of the parking lots themselves. The scenic grass hills do nothing but keep the snow in the lots, and only hamper efforts to move it out.

Knowing this, one would think that any new parking lots would be designed with this in mind and do away with the grass hills altogether. Not so!

The newest parking lot situated behind the Lundy-Merritt building is the "worst one of all," according toJoe Harrison of Harrison's Snow Removal, the company that clears snow from the campus.

Adding insult to injury is the fact that this parking lot cost $135,000. For that amount of money, it would not be too much to expect a well-designed, practical parking lot, relatively free from the worries of drifting snow and all the other little niceties that accompany the winter months.

Instead, we have a parking lot surrounded by more of those annoying little hills.

Another typical example of the efficiency of bureaucracy?

Denny Bunyan

Carving and scribbling on desks show the mark of immaturity

The Lundy-Merritt building has been open just over a month but already a few students have carved their names in the new desk tops.

In a college such as Niagara where the youngest student is about 17 years old, it is a pity that some can find no better way of leaving a mark at the college than by carving their initials or graffiti in any available surface.

Take, for example, the Hamilton Room. How many lectures have fallen upon deaf ears, while students are busy whittling away with nail files and other implements of destruction?

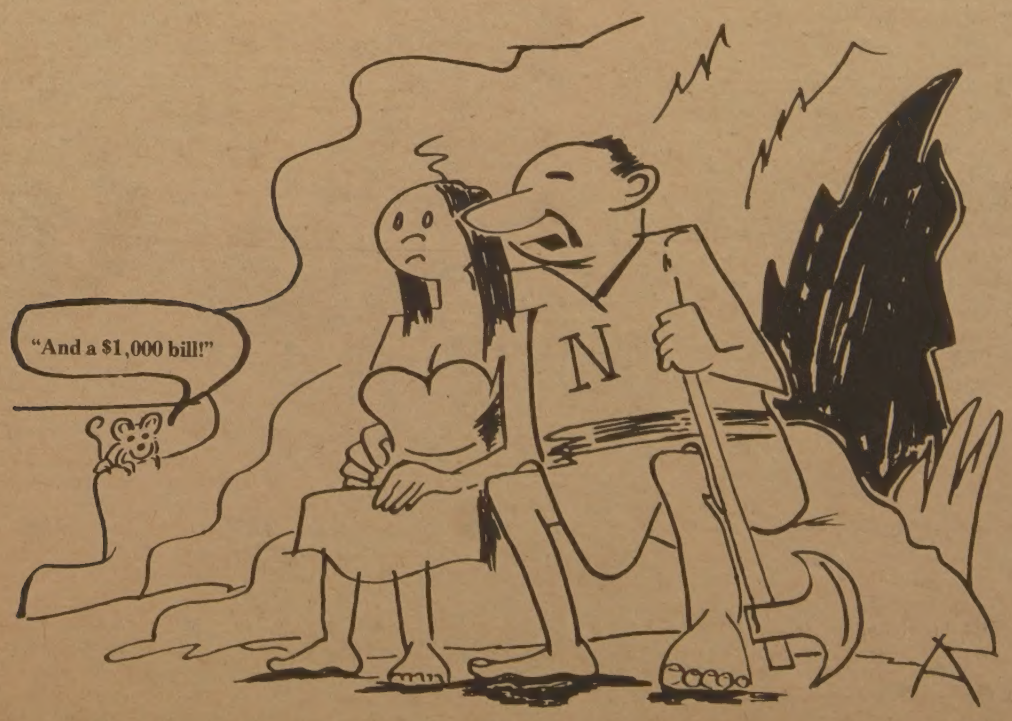
Not only are the desks covered with abuse, but cushions and stone pillars bear the marks of some pen-wielding juvenile bent on leaving his or her name for posterity.

In December of 1974 the fold-down writing surfaces in rooms S-211, S-309, and the Hamilton Room were refinished at a cost of $685. When it becomes necessary to erase this new collection of scribblings, the cost will probably be near the $1,000 mark.

How would mother feel should she come home to find, "I love Elton John" inscribed in the new piano? Probably the same way college officials feel seeing this sort of rubbish carved in the Hamilton Room.

How can it be stopped? What kind of punishment does one dole out to supposedly mature college students? Perhaps if they were to realize that it's the taxpayers who are footing the bill for their childish behavior, their pens would be writing in notebooks, not on desks.

Denny Bunyan



"I didn't graduate but I left my mark in the lecture halls."

LETTERS

Criticism invalid: Manera

To the Editor:

I would like to comment on a number of items in the Jan. 19 issue of the Niagara News.

The editorial criticism regarding the delay in closing the college is valid. I discussed this with the President's Student Advisory Committee which met on Jan. 18 and explained that the delay was mainly due to the fact that I was attending a Committee of Presidents meeting in Toronto at the time. At any rate, the inconvenience to students and staff who did manage to reach the college is most regrettable.

Criticism of the Property and Plant operation, in my view, is not valid. Students and staff can see the occasional problems but are not usually aware of the tremendous pressures under which plant staff, including Mr. Spittle, have to operate. The blizzard of Jan. 9 and 10 was a most unusual occurrence which [illegible]xed all our resources. I believe that some appreciation for the efforts of all concerned, particularly in the Plant Department, is in order.

On the question of the activity fee, there was a student referendum in 1975. The referendum dealt with the question of whether the practice of a compulsory student activity fee should continue or not. It did not deal with the manner in which such an activity fee should be allocated. I do not believe that such a question can be decided through a referendum because that would undermine the effectiveness of the Student Administrative Council. If students do have views to express on the subject, they should certainly do so at meetings of the Student Administrative Council. The effectiveness of the council will be tremendously enhanced by the involvement and participation of all students.

Yours sincerely

A.S. Manera

President

Snow: 'We did our best'

To the Editor: It is so easy for people to criticize without knowing the facts. The storm which hit the peninsula on Jan. 9 was so fierce that no amount of equipment was able to keep up with it. Road-ways and highways became bogged down in snow and, with winds reaching the speeds they did, it was impossible to keep up with the plowing. After the storm stopped, there was no way in which the equipment could clear away that amount of snow in a few hours, or a couple of days, for that matter.

We used every piece of equipment and because of the heavy loads and poor visibility there were bound to be break-downs. We did our best.

It wasn't lack of equipment that did us in—it was the elements.

The design of the areas around the parking lots does not help when it comes to clearing. Even the largest, finest plow in the country, equipped with the widest possible blade, could not do a thing when confronted with the mounds surrounding the lots. The mounds contribute to the problem by acting as windbreaks dropping snow on to the lots, rather than letting it blow off to some extent.

Even a $25,000 snow removal budget would not permit the college maintenance services to clear up the snow which was dropped in a matter of hours during this storm.

I think it is only fair, too, to point out that students have been offered the chance to pick up a few dollars shovelling snow and keeping walkways clean. We didn't get one application. For shame. If anyone is interested in shovelling snow between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m., please contact 735-7976. I'll have a job for you.

Sincerely,

Joe Harrison

Harrison's Snow Removal Ltd.

Romper room antics mar new furniture

The Lundy-Merritt building has been open just over a month and already there are pen marks in the new furniture.

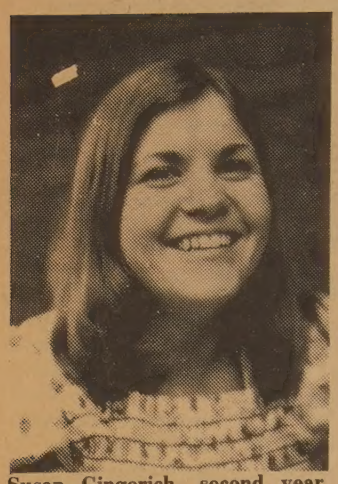
In December, 1974, the college paid $685 to have similar markings removed from writing surfaces in S-211, S-309, and the Hamilton room.

A spokesman for the property and plant department said if the work has to be repeated to remove the new marks, the cost will probably be about $1,000.

Roving Reporter

BY KAREN MONCK AND ANGUS MIDDLEMISS

Question: Are you racially prejudiced? Why or why not?



Susan Gingerich, second year dental hygenist: I like to think I'm not but I've never been in a situation where I've had to decide.

Patricia Canfield, second year general college: I hope not. I try not to be.

Sam DeLuca, second year electronic technician: Well, not really, I'm just not into that. Everybody's equal; everybody's got their rights. You have to accept the person for what they are, not their appearance.

Brian Green, English instructor: No. I think I was brought up with absolutely no hint of that and when I ran up against it for the first time I was surprised. It's when a person is brought up with it that it first forms.

Joan Heckman, first year fashion arts: Slightly. I'm prejudiced against all the immigrants coming into our country now.

Bob Reynolds, second year human relations: To an extent. Most people are because of preferences but I don't think I'm a bigot. People who say they're not aren't being fully honest with themselves and other people.

Robert Lagerquist, first year business administration: Yes, I think everyone is really, as far as I'm concerned. If races began moving into my neighborhood in large numbers that is when I'd react.

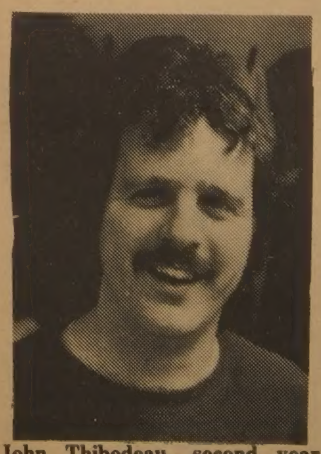
Adam Macsai, third year construction technology: No. I could not let it affect me because I have a lot of colored friends and friends of different backgrounds. So with my social background with them, there's no way I could build or develop any biases against them.

Stewart Bruinsma, first year social services: I'm proud of my background but not arrogant towards any other who differ. I don't feel there's any one master race. No one race should impose of infringe on the cultural traits of those who differ. But I think everyone is a bigot to a point.

Karen Robbins, second year fashion arts: I try not to be but it's hard to hold back - there are so many things to be prejudiced against it's hard to be open-minded.

Barbara Armatage, third year radio and television: No. I figure who am I to be prejudiced? Why should I be?

Bob Merrill, first year refrigeration and air conditioning: Yes, I have to be. I'm human. The environment, social reasons and the way I was brought up made me prejudiced.



John Thibodeau, second year data processing: No, because everyone's equal.

Susan Mitchell, first year general college: I don't think so. I try not to be anyway.

Donna Leonard, second year chemical technician: Yes, I am prejudiced. I'm prejudiced because of certain things that happened in my life.

Jan Watts, part-time typist for liberal studies: No, I hope not. I've worked with different types of people and found nothing different about them so why should you be prejudiced.

Angela Serada, first year general arts: No, I don't think I am necessarily, but I've never been in a position to really tell.

Edmund Fung, first year general business: No, we want to stay together peacefully. With prejudice everyone is not good to one another and cause conflicts and fights.

Ray Jaspar, first year electronic technician: No. I treat everybody equally.

Theatre Centre praised

The Niagara College Theatre Centre is making a name for itself.

Herbert Whittaker, veteran Globe and Mail drama writer, praised the Niagara students in a review Jan. 25 of Press Theatre's Artichoke.

"The students of Niagara College come over from Welland to build sets for her (artistic director Lynne Gorman), expertly—to judge from the execution of Hal Travis' open, friendly Prairies' farmhouse for Artichoke," he wrote.

The article also praised the performance of Tom Strawford, a Niagara College chemistry teacher. Mr. Strawford played the role of Archie.

Miss Gorman was commended on the success of the play.

Artichoke a success starring top actress

By GUDRUN SCHATZLER

Artichokes, Saskatchewan and an illegitimate child don't usually relate to each other. Most people probably don't even know what artichokes are let alone their relationship to a prairie province and illegitimacy.

Joanna Glass made the three relate in her play, Artichoke. The play is Press Theatre's third production.

Artichoke is the story of a farm wife who has banished her husband to sleep in the smoke house for 15 years because he was unfaithful to her.

One of Canada's finest actresses, Francis Hyland, plays Margaret Morley, the proud and nervous wife who can't forgive her husband. At the same time, Miss Hyland portrays a very warm and loving woman, who is in need of love and finds it in her distant cousin. Miss Hyland's performance was a warm and emotional one that clearly depicted the trauma Margaret Morley felt.

Ron Hartmann plays the distant cousin, Gibson McFarland, who comes to visit the Morleys. He plays the role with a convincing mixture of strength and nervousness. He was a man who could handle anything yet he was on the verge of a breakdown. Unfortunately, there were some scenes where Mr. Hartmann seemed to fall flat and he would lose the momentum that carried him through the character.

The most enjoyable performance was given by Marianne McIssac who played the banished husband's illegitimate daughter, Lily Agnes. Her voice was soft and high, the perfect voice for a timid, bewildered 14-year-old. Every move across the stage and every word spoken was done with a shy girl in mind.

She spoke especially well when she would quote something from her book of etiquette, trying to sound as brave and perfect as the book preached.

Ken James plays the role of the banished husband, Walter Morley. Walter is a rugged, hard working farmer who is completely baffled by his wife's behavior toward him. Ken James played the role as if he really was Walter Morley and not Ken James. He gave a very convincing and good performance.

Sydney Brown played Margaret's father, who raised Gibson McFarland. He rounded out the cast with a solid performance.

The play was introduced by two neighboring farmers, Jake and Archie. The two gossiped about their neighbors throughout the play and filled in the necessary backgound to the story.

Tom Strawford, a Niagara College chemistry teacher, gave a good performance as Archie, as did Frank Aldous as Jake.

It was these two who gave the audience the relationship of artichokes to the rest of the story. An artichoke, they explain, is an exotic vegetable with an inner part shaped like a hart, and this hart is very hard to get at.

All the technical parts of the show were done very well. Especially good was the lighting which gave the feeling of sunshine or darkness very effectively. The rustic set, too, was realistic.

Yet another revision

By LYNNE VAN TILBORG

This time, the plan was complete and ready for submission to the board of governors. After eight months, this time it was definite.

The meeting Jan. 20 was to be a mere formality to discuss implementation of the plan and to thank committee members for their time and effort.

But, the meeting lasted for two hours and ended in a unanimous vote to reword—yet again— Item Nine of the Affirmative Action Plan.

The rewording followed a long and lively discussion on the ramifications of this, the most recent revision of Item Nine. In fact, Item Nine was reworded twice in the course of the meeting.

The staff and student status of women committees have been meeting since June to formulate a plan to provide a "catch-up phase" for women at the college.

Draft One of the plan for staff was completed in November.

Since then, there have been monthly meetings of the committee, and numberous revisions of the plan.

Item Nine dealing with "bridge positions," a phrase rejected by the committee, has been a topic for discussion at most of these meetings.

The present wording of Item Nine—"Where appropriate, certain positions will be restructured to allow a transfer of skills, knowledge and experience,"—was suggested by A. S. Manera, Niagara president.

A 4-3 vote changed the previous wording, "The college will restructure certain positions, where possible to allow women to gain additional skills, knowledge and experience that will prepare them for other positions within the college," earlier in the meeting.

It was at first to be replaced with an earlier version.

The objection to the previous wording was that anything is possible. Mr. Manera said it was foolhardy to keep re-structure...where posible" as there was not a single position that could not be re-structured. It is his responsibility to carry out any plan approved by the board and this wording could put him into a position where he would have to restructure, he added.

Mrs. M. E. Lancaster, chairperson of the staff committee, said she was sympathetic to the college's position, but it was too bad to lose the concept for lack of appropriate wording.

The first change to the earlier version of Item Nine was, "The feasibility of restructuring certain positions to allow a transfer of skills, knowledge and experience will be explored."

About 10 minutes of further discussion at the end of the two-hour meeting resulted in the final version of Item Nine.

Celebrations planned for NC's 10th year

Niagara College is 10 years old this year and everyone's invited to join the celebration.

Plans for the 10th anniversary celebration include college open houses, a Canadian heritage festival, a special theatre production, an alumni weekend, a time capsule placement and more.

The year-long celebration started Nov. 23 with a recognition dinner for the first college board of governors and ends Oct. 22 with the dedication of the college's two new buildings and a giant open house.

The first community event will be an open house at the horticultural centre in St. Catharines on March 12 and 13.

A three-day Canadian heritage festival featuring historical displays, area arts and crafts exhibits, speakers and community events will be held at the Welland campus March 17 to 19.

Three Penny Opera, a special Theatre Arts presentation, will be presented in the Welland Centennial School Auditorium April 12 to 15.

A week-long celebration from Oct. 16 to 23 will conclude the decennial activities. This will include a crafts show, exhibition athletic events, a dance and an alumni day. The Lundy-Merritt building will be dedicated and a time capsule placed.

Mack graduates, Only 15 nurses are unemployed

Of 86 Mack Nursing Centre in St. Catharines graduates, only 15 are without full or part-time employment, said Miss Lois Millar, chairman of nursing.

"If they wanted to go to the States, they could have been employed," said Miss Millar.

These employment figures are "quite good," she said.

Thirty-three of last spring's graduates are employed in Ontario; 33 are working in hospitals in the United States; four have found jobs in provinces other than Ontario and one is doing post-graduate work at a university.

DEFIES INCREASE

McMaster University in Hamilton announced Jan. 27 that it would not collect differential tuition fees for foreign students next year. McMaster is the first Ontario university to defy the government order to triple tuition fees for foreign students.

Deadline!

With licence plate registration deadline on Feb. 28, it appears motorists are dragging their feet more than usual in getting renewals this year

"We're about 10 per cent behind last year's number of people registering at this time," Jim Kennedy, licence issuer at the Welland Auto Licence Bureau, said.

He said this was the situation across the province and speculated that it could be due to multiple factors, such as the weather.

"Older people might find it difficult to get through in the kind of weather we have been having," he said. "Also, a simple validation sticker doesn't hold the same attraction as a shiny new licence plate."

People are spurred into renewing their registration when they see a new sticker on their neighbor's car, he said. In the past, particular streets would have a sudden rush of registrations for this reason.

Mr. Kennedy expects the registration to pick up "any time now." He said the media have only begun to remind motorists that if they register now, they will avoid long lineups at the end of February.

Labor grievances topic of seminar

District members of industry and commerce will be "updated" on grievance procedures at a seminar to be held March 24 at the Parkway Inn, St. Catharines.

The Niagara District Personnel Association will be conducting the one-day conference in conjunction with Niagara College and other district organizations.

Donald Currie, co-ordinator of labour-management relations at Niagara, has been instumental in the co-ordination and organization of the seminar. Mr. Currie is also vice-president of the NDPA.

Mr. Currie said the non-profit seminar stems from the need to inform area personnel of current arbitration developments.

Speaking on Niagara's involvement in the seminar, Mr. Currie said one of the functions of the college's labour-management studies program is to act as a catalyst in the community, bringing specialists into the area and updating the people in labour-management relations.

Methods of preparation and presentation of an arbitration case, grievance, and the legal requirements involved will be under discussion.

Leading the seminar will be John Sanderson, a Toronto lawyer and currently one of the most active practitioners in labor arbitrations in Canada.

Mr. Sanderson has participated in more than 500 boards of arbitration, and in 1973, gave a fine screen performance in a University of Toronto film production, "The Grievance".

Mr. Sanderson portrayed the company's representative on the arbitration board in the film.

John Butler, musical director

John Butler of the musical faculty at Brock University will be musical director for Three Penny Opera.

Mr. Butler has been musical director for Press Theatre's productions, Fantastiks and Dames at Sea. He worked with Garden City Productions last year in their production Anne of Green Gables and directed the Tom Kneebone and Dinah Christie show.

"I put the orchestra together and make things work," Mr. Butler said.

John Rapsey, program co-ordinator at the Theatre Centre, will direct the musical.

Prejudice: *Are Canadians becoming more and more bigoted?*

Niagara survey shows about 30% are

By ANGUS MIDDLEMISS

Welcome to Canada, immigrant. We hope you enjoy your new life here. Please get your OHIP forms sent out as soon as possible, so you are covered when you get thrown in front of a fast moving subway train.

This may soon be the welcome given immigrants by the department of immigration if Ontarians and Canadians become more and more bigoted.

Racial attacks by "red necker" Canadians seem to be the coming trend, but fortunately these attacks are more or less confined to heavily populated areas. Violent assaults have been made on non-white newcomers in Toronto and Hamilton, but none have been reported in St. Catharines. Could it happen in the peninsula?

The Niagara News surveyed 100 students. It also got comments from teachers and members of the community, including the president of the St. Catharines Folk Arts Council.

SOME RED NECKS

The results showed there are students who are red neck white supremacists. However, these people are in the minority.

A report of 255 Toronto high school students showed 64 per cent were prejudiced against East Indians. The Niagara News survey asked if the person was predjudiced and why or why not. About 33 per cent were and the remainder said they weren't or didn't know.

One of the most bigoted answers came from a student who said "I don't like anyone whose skin is the same color as a cigar."

That student at least admitted prejudice, but one who claimed no prejudice said, "They're human like we are. I think they should stay together and we should stay together."

Another student who denied being prejudiced said, "I don't think they're any different from me."

HAS SEEN IT

Mike Collins, an English instructor, said he hopes that he holds no racial bigotry but he has seen it around Niagara and even in some of his friends.

"There's no doubt that almost everyone that I know has preconceived notions about members of racial, ethnic and religious groups. As a matter of fact, on this campus I have heard numerous derogatory comments, especially along racial lines. This is a very tragic situation. Many people in the Niagara peninsula in fact, believe that their little town is the highest form of civilization and that people from

MIKE COLLINS

Africa, Quebec or Pakistan, to name a few examples, are one step up from the caveman in terms of culture, morals and history.

"They are suspicious of such persons of different ethnic and racial backgrounds and the jokes and general attitude towards these groups is just as bad as Archie Bunker's."

MANY BEGINNINGS

An East Indian, who has done Sociological studies and wishes to remain anonymous said prejudice has many beginnings and cited fear of strangers, fear of the unknown, economic recession and conditioning as some of the causes.

He said this year could be compared to 1967 and 1968 when racial prejudice in Canada was relatively unheard of and there was a lot of immigration. Now there is an economic recession and there are fewer jobs available, so someone must be used as a scapegoat.

"Whites feel threatened by ethnic minorities during times of economic recession," he said.

"When jobs become scarce and things become tight, tension mounts and you think someone else has taken your job."

He said when Hitler took power in Germany during the 30s, he blamed ethnic groups for taking all the jobs away from his master race. He said that anything that goes wrong should be blamed on the enemy.

SIX ATTACKS

In less than one year, there have been at least six racially-related attacks on the subway in Toronto; one of these attacks left a Tanzanian immigrant possibly crippled for the rest of his life. Some people believe these assaults are just isolated incidents which have been blown up by the press.

Phil Atteck, president of the St. Catharines Folk Arts Council, said, "In order to create an audience, they (the media) have to make hot news and spectacular news."

He said the way in which the media reports events could have a harmful effect on the public. He said he doesn't understand why the media has to report events in such detail because the stories could motivate others to do the same thing.

DECREASED CHANCES

Mr. Atteck said the Multi-Cultural Centre has cultivated understanding and openness between cultural groups in St. Catharines and has decreased the chance of racial prejudice growing in St. Catharines.

The Multi-Cultural Centre creates an aura of understanding by allowing cultural groups to show their crafts, folkdances and traditional food dishes.

"We have been the first organization to use a psychological approach to fight discrimination," he said.

Tony Mafarlane, co-ordinator of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Action Line and member of the Hamilton Anti-Racism Committee, said the reports of racial asaults "are the tips of the iceberg."

He said that racism has been engrained into whites throughout history and for every racist attack reported there are dozens which go unreported.

GIVES ADVICE

The action line gives advice to those who have some problem regarding racism and they are told which agency to approach, including the police.

Six non-whites at the college were asked if they had ever encountered any racial prejudice in the region. Only one had but said it was "only minor pin pricks."

In addition, **Patty Matthews**, Niagara's College Queen who is of American Negro and German decent, said she experienced prejudice when she was younger but not anymore. Some people are prejudiced and some aren't but "if you look for it you'll find it," she said.

PATTY MATTHEWS

North American Indians have always run into prejudice and the names whites have given to them have stuck. Wahoos, the movie favorite, redskins, and featherhead are just examples.

A DEFINITION

But look at what "the great white fathers" in British Columbia saw fit to define an Indian, in the Evidence Act of 1964, as "an uncivilized person, destitute of knowledge of God and any fixed and clear idea of religion or of any future reward or punishment."

A student at Guelph University said the marriage of her Scottish father to her Indian mother has caused a few problems. One of the problems was a subtle pressure from her mother to win scholarships and be good at athletics.

She said one of her brothers works in a liquor store and a customer once came in and said something to the effect, "It's nice to see one of you people on the other side of the counter for a change."

One of her pastimes is collecting Indian jokes. She summed up her feelings by saying, "I've always had a sense of humor about my background. If you don't, you're in trouble."

Keith returns

Murdoch Keith, co-ordinator of social services, returned to Niagara Jan. 31. He was in the St. Catharines General Hospital following a hernia operation Jan. 6. His wife said his condition was good, on Jan. 18.

Overloaded?

Tech student works nights, studies days

By SHELDON CURRAN

Some students constantly complain that their heavy workload at college does not leave them enough time to do anything else. Those students who complain should consider one student's work load. Gerry Kelly is overworking to the point that he cannot wait to get his life back to normal.

Gerry, mechanical engineering technology student, has a timetable that is so rigid that this term he had to drop a course because "I was dizzy with tiredness." Gerry was exhausted because he not only goes to classes at Niagara but he works at Hayes-Dana, an automotive plant, in Thorold. He works in the drive train division as a tool and die-maker which takes a great amount of skill.

Gerry has worked at Hayes Dana for more than 10 years and because his course is approved by the company, his tuition fee is refunded providing he passes his exams.

"I'm used to making the tool and now I'm designing and drafting them at the college," Gerry said.

COMPLICATE SCHEDULE

Gerry,33, is married and has three young children, two boys (Gerry says one is a Scotsman) and one girl. They somewhat complicate the strict schedule that he must follow.

"My wife, Kathleen, has been a great help," Gerry said. "She has been very encouraging."

The Scottish-born student attended Stow College in Glasgow, Scotland. Gerry was in a day release program which meant that one day a week at Rolls Royce, where he was working on his apprenticeship, he was allowed to attend college and be paid for it. He began college at 16 and attended for five years but failed one term and had to attend night school.

After night school, Gerry swore that, "I would never go back to night school again." Gerry explained why.

The college would have the same teachers at night as they had in the day and they would be tired and they would not have the same patience as they had during the day.

RETURNED ONCE

Gerry has lived in Thorold for more than 10 years since his departure from Scotland. He returned to scotland once, in 1972, since living in Canada.

"I miss the people and relatives, but I would not go back to stay unless I could take everything back with me," Gerry said.

He has noticed the difference between the colleges of Scotland and Niagara.

"Niagara has arts and crafts," Gerry said. "At Stow, they went into more detail about the different aspects of engineering and the college didn't have arts and crafts then.

"If you show desire, the teachers at Niagara go out of their way to help you. The teachers have patience and it's very beneficial. The variety of courses at Niagara is fantastic."

LOT OF REVIEWING

He joked that it had been 20 years since he last took chemistry and it takes a lot of reviewing to associate with the subject.

Gerry has been working the 11 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift for three years. The first two years he renovated his five-bedroom house in Thorold during the day. His last major project was building a swimming pool last summer.

"I came back to school this year because I wanted to finish my engineering diploma," Gerry said. "The college gives the students a better preparation for industry.

"I'm hoping that I get my diploma to qualify for advancement in the company," Gerry said. "Then I can get my life back to normal."

NOT SLEEPING

If Gerry is not working at Hayes-Dana or studying and attending classes at Niagara, you would think he would be sleeping. This is not always the case.

"Setting up a timetable is difficult, but last term there were no problems because all my classes were in the morning. It is a little more difficult now because I have classes in the afternoon."

On Mondays, Gerry has classes until 5 p.m. and by the time he gets home and has supper, it is 6.30.

"I only get about 3½ hours of sleep on Monday because I can't get up any later than 10 p.m.

He has no classes on Tuesday but does have to do homework.

"After working all night I just go home and die," he said.

FAMILY TIME

He likes to spend as much time as possible with his family but his schedule sometimes does not permit this.

"Saturday evening I take my wife out or friends come to the house," Gerry said. "In the morning my youngest boy plays hockey and I try not to miss his games."

After attending church on Sunday morning, Gerry again goes to the arena. This time to take Gary, 12, his eldest son, who Gerry says is a "very good figure skater."

Although Gerry is a very active person, he does not want his children to go through the same experience he is going through.

"I would like my children to have a good university level education without having a full-time job at the same time," Gerry said. "People who have an opportunity to get an education should grab it and make full use of it."

Winter formal

The Winter Formal Dec. 17 was the most successful in the history of the college, Adam Macsai, Student Administrative Council (SAC) president, said.

"Last year's winter formal with 150 people was the biggest formal the college had experienced, but we beat that record this year with about 400 people, including students, faculty and employees," Adam said.

SAC subsidized one-third of the cost of the formal and the remaining cost was covered by ticket sales. Adam said that while SAC had to cover some cost for the formal, it could not be judged as a loss because the actual cost to the council did not exceed the one-third subsidy that had been expected.

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College physician discusses birth control

By RIC DOLPHIN

In sexual matters it is always the girl who "ends up with the problem" if sufficient care is not taken, Dr. Gerald Alexander, Niagara College physician, said.

Speaking in an interview, Jan. 12, Dr. Alexander said that it is mainly females who come to him requesting guidance in birth control methods, both at his Wednesday morning clinic at the college and at his Tuesday night (7 to 9 p.m.) clinic at Welland County General Hospital.

He said he doesn't recommend any specific methods to the people who come to him; he merely describes the effects and the effectiveness of each medication or device and lets the person make the choice.

However, he added, "The majority would prefer the pill."

He said the pill is 100 percent effective providing the girl makes sure she takes it and doesn't forget a day.

Regarding the moral and religious issues connected with birth control, Dr. Alexander said he is "a medical man". He makes statements in his professional capacity and not on philosophical questions.

DOESN'T PREACH

"I don't preach to them."

He cites an example of one student who came to him saying she could not take the pill as her religious convictions forbade it. Dr.Alexander asked her if her religion also forbade pre-marital sex, a pastime in which she was quite active. She replied that it did.

He said the side-effects of the pill have been overplayed. If a girl has no chronic medical condition such as diabetes, hyper tension, undiagnosed lumps on the breasts or phlebitis (inflamation of the veins, usually on the legs), then she should have no worry about taking the pill.

Similarly, if she has a history of migraine headaches or severe emotional problems like depression, the pill could produce side-effects.

If the girl has none of these problems, she may go on the pill, but must have a complete pelvic examination after one month and a PAP test. Also, she should have annual physical examinations, including another PAP test to check for cancerous cells.

SOME SYMPTOMS

During the first month, the symptoms of pregnancy will probably be experienced, Dr. Alexander said. There will be nausea, bloating of the breasts and a probable increase in appetite. It is a misconception to think that the pill makes girls fat, he said. Any increase in weight is caused by an "increased caloric intake"

DR. GERALD ALEXANDER

and not by anything inherent in the medication.

He said the pill tends to make sexually active girls more relaxed, but usually does not increase promiscuity.

"Most of those who come to me are pretty responsible kids," he said.

In his 10 years of practising, Dr. Alexander said he has only seen one complication caused by oral contraception—a severe case of phlebitis. He said he has seen more complications from asperin.

But the pill is blamed for problems, medical and psychological that it hasn't created.

"A lot of girls use the pill as an excuse for many things."

The clinic at Niagara College caters to mainly out-of-town students who have no family physician readily available and require the follow-up treatment that is not usually given by emergency wards at hospitals. Dr. Alexander made it clear that most of his student patients require medical treatment and not contraceptive advice, although students from out-of-town, and free from parental ties, are sexually freer.

VD COMMON

One sexually related medical problem that is becoming more prevalent is venereal disease.

Gonorrhea is the strain of VD most common in the area, Dr. Alexander said.

"For every case of syphillis we see 100 cases of gonorrhea." Moreover, there are tougher strains of gonorrhea developing and penicillin is "somewhat ineffective" in treating it. Other drugs such as Trobicin are being used to combat this disease.

Abortion is a subject Dr. Alexander deals with tactfully. He doesn't perform abortions, but he will recommend them for a student who comes to him requesting one, providing she is not more than three or four months pregnant. OHIP will pay for the operation.

"We want to give them whats best for them," he said.

Preventive birth control, he feels, is better than abortion.

The pill is 100 percent effective and other methods are somewhat less effective. The coil is 98 percent effective, he said, but may cause irregular bleeding and discomfort in some girls. Foams and jellies are 70 percent effective and 98 percent effective when used in conjunction with a condom.

Concerning sexual performance problems, Dr. Alexander said, "Sex is something two people have to work at."He said that many expect too much because of ignorance. If a couple are experiencing problems, he recommends they come in to see him together and discuss the problem.

Dr. Alexander has been with the college for four years. His services are free, as are the contraceptives he prescribes. He realizes that students as a rule, are short of cash and, therefore "stockpiles" supplies.

"It's all available to them," he said.

The clinic is open from 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and is situated at the Health Centre in the MacKenzie building. Dr. Alexander is available for consultation from 9 a.m. until noon on Wednesday mornings.

RTV news show broadcast live from college

By LYNNE VAN TILBORG

Larry Taylor, radio/television co-ordinator, is on the telephone making final preparations for Niagara College's first, scheduled, live cable television broadcast.

"11:59 color bars...11:59:20 black...10 seconds...then college crest and music...that will allow Maclean-Hunter enough time to pick it up," he instructs the person on the other end.

It is 11:30 a.m., Jan 13. The broadcast is scheduled for 12 noon on the Maclean-Hunter and Armstrong local cable stations.

Thirteen RTV students are involved in the production of the newsmagazine-type program, both on-camera and behind the scenes. Most are in their second year, specializing in television.

REHEARSAL

The rehearsal is going on in Studio Two. The on-air news and sports commentators, Jeff Woolnough and Bob Adams, seemed relaxed and low-key as they read through the material they have written. There are 25 minutes left before air time.

The illusion of calm is broken as Jeff breaks up at an unintentional malapropism made by another commentator. As the focus shifts from one commentator to the next, they relieve tension by yawning, laughing or signaling to each other as mistakes are made.

What if these mistakes are made on camera?

"This...duplicates real studio conditions," Mr. Taylor said. "If something happens they have to get out of it on the air. They just can't stop the tape and redo it."

"The first exercise of this type was the election," he added.

The RTV students covered the muncipal elections for cable television, this winter.

Plans for a direct hook-up to the cable companies" "have been in the works ever since I came here seven years ago," Mr. Taylor said.

Brian Hay stands in front of an impressive light blue backdrop which features a brightly-colored weather map. He runs through his copy containing the upcoming weather conditions and ski reports.

BEHIND THE SCENES

The second year students had only one week to prepare this their initial broadcast.

"It's been really hectic,"Ken Girotti, the show's director, said. "We put up the sets last night and did the lighting this morning. It was mayhem to get everything together."

Ken said he painted sets and helped the show's producer, Barb Armitage, third year RTV, with the graphics.

It's 11:40 and the crew in the mobile RTV van are making last minute preparations. Barb does not feel the graphics containing the credits on screen are level.

She instructs two first year RTV students who are pointing a camera at the graphics to straighten them. The first year students, Brian Cole and Fedele Capobianco, volunteered to help with the program when the second year students fgound themselves short-handed.

The crew making last-minute adjustments inside the van are Dennis Firby, switcher, Jim Davis, script assistant, Brad Cauthard, audio, and director, Ken Girotti.

They will retain their off-camera positions for two programs.

Ron Kronstein, program host, said the students plan to switch on and off camera positions every two weeks to get experience doing everything connected with the program.

Ron described the program as a weekly news wrap-up, featuring news, weather, sports, entertainment, short films made by Niagara students and a weekly 15-minute segment with regional government. The programs will be shown live at noon and re-broadcast at 5 p.m.

The students want to do more than studio interviews; they want to be there when things happen, Ron said.

Ron, Bob, Jeff, Brian and entertainment reporter, Peter Williams look professionally attired for on-camera work. The rest of the studio crew is in blue jeans.

The contrast continues. Ron looks ready for a dinner party until you notice the wad of masking tape attaching his microphone cord to his left heel.

Bob in his tan suit would make an impressive escort to a wedding. However, his blue-green wading type boots somehow spoil the image.

The masking tape and the boots will not be seen, though. Bob is seated behind the news desk and cameraman Marc Montgomery will not be shooting Ron from the back.

10 MINUTES

"Yecch-ahh-hahh, 10 m.. utes left," screamed the director.

"Just think, Ken,"someone says,"you get to direct again next week."

"What can go wrong...go wrong...go wrong? asked Mr. Taylor.

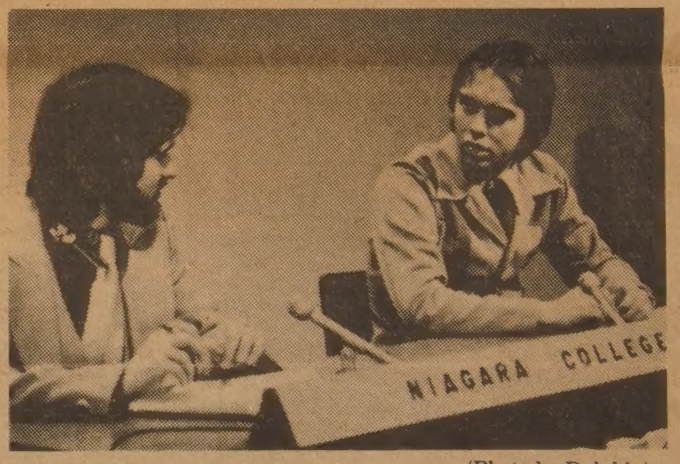
"We can only go downhill after the elections," chimed in Bob Adams.

Six minutes to go; the studio has been cleared of anyone not directly conected with the program. The student newsman gulp down their coffee and take their places in front of the cameras.

ON THE AIR

The studio is dimly lit. Jeff, Bob, and Brian are in the backgroung; Ron is in the foreground. The lights come up.

Studio director Jayne Crump signals to Ron to begin his



(Photo by Dolphin)

Bob Adams and Jeff Woolnough, second year radio-television students, are sports and newscaster for the premiere of Regional Review which is to be broadcast on cable TV every week.

description of the one-hour program. He then introduces the news, weather and sports.

The "On the Air" sign flashes persistently as Jayne carefully signals camera angles and timing to the commentators. The program seems to be going smoothly but there is a look of concern on Jayne's face.

She has been informed that camera two motor just blew in the van. The camera operated by Dennis Bourdages is still working but directions are now just guesswork.

The commentators seem to be unaware of the problem. They are relaxed and signal to one another as the focus shifts away from them to Peter Williams who is reviewing the movie, "King Kong."

Ron ducks under a camera to return to his mark and introduces a pretaped interview with YMCA director Judy Spence and a suddenly-suited Marc Montgomery.

A BREAK

The camera monitor has been fixed during the 15-minute interview and the crew relaxes.

Back on camera Ron says, "the film about to be shown, Why Not Technology, was originally filmed in black and white so do not adjust your sets."

There is another break. Ken announces they have 1½ minutes of air time to fill. He has a way to fill it. He slides across the floor, rubbing his stomach, patting his head, and whistling God Save the Queen.

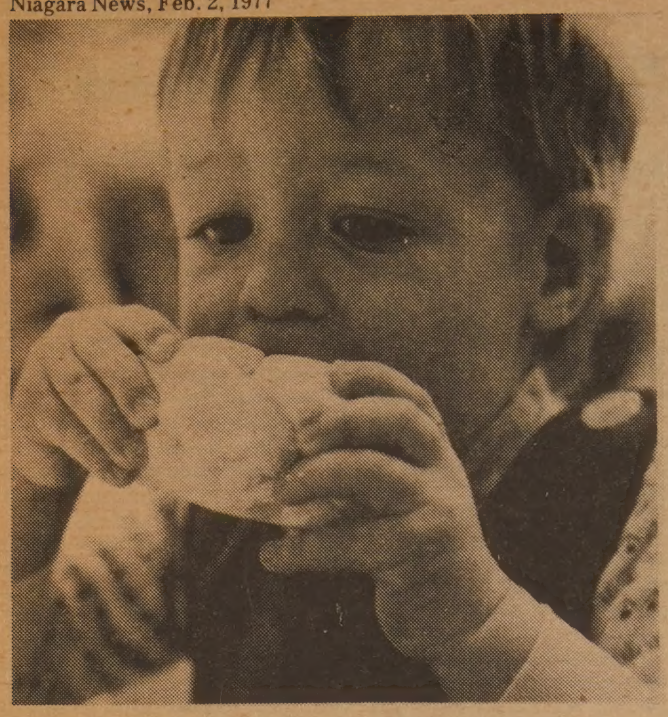
Bob Adams suggests the act is more suitable for The Gong Show.

Ron says he'll try to fill the extra time. He manouvres back to his mark as the film ends, and then rereads a list of coming events, stressing their importance for 1½ minutes, and makes his closing remarks.

The credits are shown and all the commentators gather at the news desk. What do they talk about? Well, these future newsmen discussed ways of improving their broadcasts and began planing next week's program.

The show is over. Niagara is off the air.

"The rehearsal was good," said Larry Taylor. "We'll begin the real thing in five minutes."



I'd rather eat it!

What do you mean playdough? I haven't had lunch yet. This little fellow at the college nursery decided he would rather eat his playdough than make animals from it. (Photo by Bunyan)

Webster heads south, cancels N/C concert

By DON LOUCKS

Canadian talent is often lured to the United States in search of better exposure and more money, and Max Webster, a local group scheduled to perform in concert at Niagara College last Saturday night, is no exception.

The band, from London, Ont., cancelled its engagement at the college just 15 days before concert night and headed south of the border to tour with Rush, another successful Canadian rock group.

John Thibodeau, Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president of internal affairs, said he is embittered over the cancellation and expressed a low opinion of the band and its managers for breaking their verbal agreement.

"They just don't care what they do," John said. "That's the way a lot of those people are. They put one album out on the market and figure they have the right to step on people."

John said that after he hired the band to perform he phoned the Music Shoppe in Toronto to confirm the price and date fo the concert.

"Max Webster's agent told my agent that I definitely had a verbal confirmation on that," he said. "I thought that would be enough to clinch the deal."

It has always been a common practice of SAC to have no more than a verbal confirmation with the bands it hires.

This is not the first time a band has backed out of a performance at the last minute.

John said this occured three times last term.

"It's usually for more money," he said. "If an opportunity comes up to play for more money somewhere else, they usually take it but they don't care about the inconvenience they cause us."

Max Webster chose to tour in the U.S. because there is usually more money offered there, John said. But playing in the States, and especially on tour with a successful band like Rush, affords Max Webster much more recognition than they could get around here, he said.

"I understand through Webster's agency that the band plans to do concerts *only* in the States from now on," John said.

SAC took a slight financial loss because of the cancellation.

Advertising costs added up to $100 and $50 for ticket sales will have to be refunded, John said.

Max Webster was charging $1,250 to perform at Niagara, but SAC had not laid out any of the money before the band cancelled.

John said he thought SAC could bring the matter to court but he said it will not happen because he does not know who would come out on top.

"The band would probably get the best of it," he said.

In the future,SAC will be sure to get a confirmation wire signed by the leader or spokesman of the band it is hiring, John said.

"That way, if a band does back out we can take legal action against them," he said.

John said Niagara students were not notified of the cancellation until one week before the concert date because he was hoping to just postpone Max Webster's performance until a later date.

He said advance ticket sales were slow on campus, with only eight sold at the SAC office and 10 at the registrar's office. He was unsure of how many tickets were sold at outlets off campus.

John said he attributes the meagre response to the cost of the tickets.

"We had to charge $3 per ticket just to break even," he said. "If they were only a buck apiece we would have sold more in advance."

The rock band Rose was hired to perform at the concert as back-up for Max Webster. John said he has booked Rose to play at Pub Nite March 16.

Full time ambulance course might be offered next year

By NELLE OOSTEROM

Robert Baddeley, chairman of Allied Health Sciences, is keeping his fingers crossed over a new ambulance course he plans to institute next fall.

The full-time Ambulance and Emergency Care program has been approved by the ministry of colleges and universities and is now subject to budget approval. By April, it should be known whether the one-year program will be offered.

"I'm very optimistic about the course going through," Mr. Baddeley said.

Niagara offers a part-time upgrading course for attendants now employed by ambulance services. The students take the course at their own speed, which could be from 1 1/2 to four years. They earn a diploma equivalent to a full-time one-year program.

PRACTICAL TECHNIQUES

Both programs teach practical techniques of patient care, preventing further injury when transporting the patient, and skill in handling emergencies.

"A person going into it should be prepared to deal with stress, both physical and emotional," Mr. Baddeley said, "They would sometimes be working in dangerous, physically confined situations, rescuing victims from mangled cars, in ravines or from cranes near high voltage wires.

"They would be coming across some terrifying sights."

The salary range is about $9,000 to $11,000 a year to start, Mr. Baddeley said. Ambulance services are either run by the ministry of health or by private operators.

Employment opportunities are good. The number of jobs in Ontario this year appears greater than the number of graduates, despite budget cutbacks by the province, Mr. Baddeley said.

"I believe there are 150 ambulance attendants in the province graduating this year," he said.

FEW WOMEN

Since the job requires physical stamina, few women apply. Only one of the 80 attendants taking the part-time course at the college is a woman, he said. The course includes a physical fitness program which teaches correct lifting procedures.

Applicants to the full time program will be interviewed before admission. Students should possess a strong interest in providing health care, be in good health and hold a valid driver's licence.

Students receive a substantial amount of clinical training and go into the intensive care, emergency, psychiatry and recovery rooms, Mr. Baddeley said. Joeseph Brant Memorial Hospital in Burlington and Welland County General Hospital co-operate with the college in giving clinical experience.

20 APPLICANTS

The full-time course was originally scheduled for last September and 20 applicants were received before the course was cut due to budget restraints.

The program is listed in the college calendar and information brochures are available.

The program prepares the student to provide emergency care for an accident or illness victim, protection during ambulance transportation, and assisting in patient care within a health facility. Driving, operating and maintaining the ambulance is learned and practised.

There are about seven or eight full-time ambulance courses offered in community colleges in Ontario, Mr. Baddeley said. Humber college in Toronto was the first to establish the program five years ago.

Are you illiterate?

If you pick up a newspaper from 100 years ago you will find the concern about the illiteracy of students.

This was the feeling of Nina Butska, one of two English instructors from Humber College who visited Niagara on Jan. 9 as part of a province-wide English survey being conducted by Ms Butska and Peter Mueller, also from Humber.

The main objective of the survey is to evaluate and compare English programs at community colleges all over the province.

The results will be documented so that students and faculty at all Ontario's colleges will be able to share the information, Ms Butska said.

She said when they first approached the ministry of colleges and universities to obtain funds for the survey, the ministry was apprehensive, and said that colleges would not want to co-operate. Ms Butska said she has found the opposite to be true. "Most of them are tremendously co-operative," she said.

The survey which started in September will be completed sometime in May.

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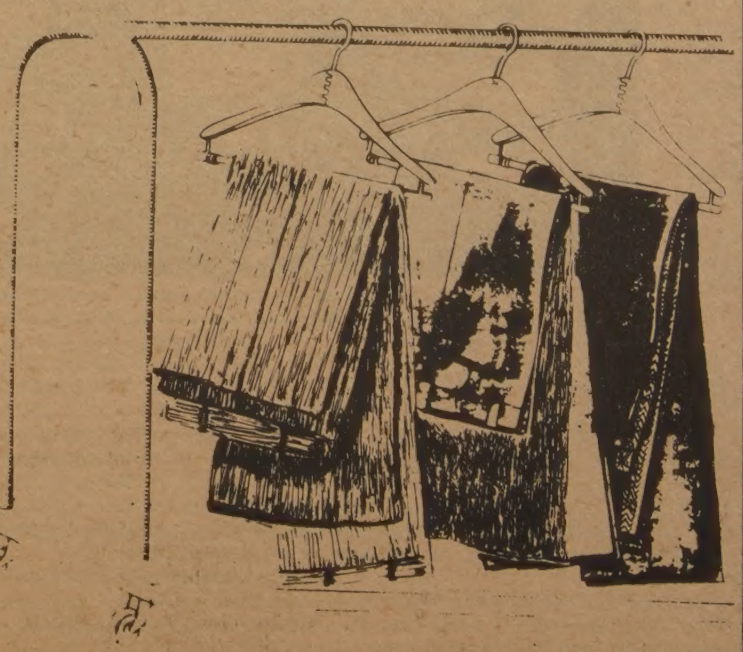

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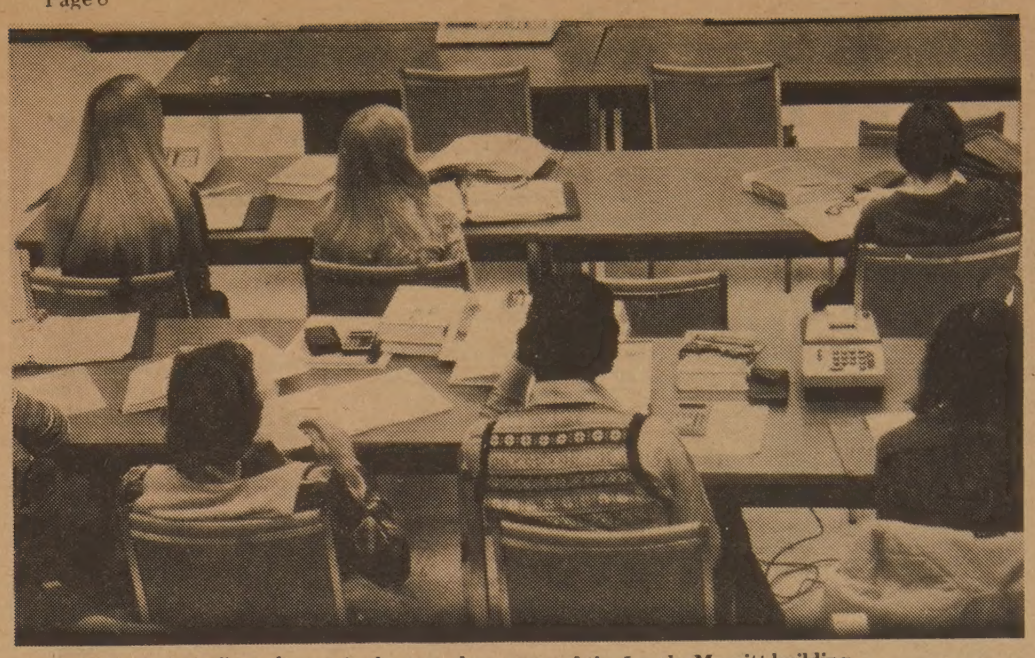


Students have their first classes in the new classrooms of the Lundy-Merritt building.
(Photo by Clement)

Lundy-Merritt building finished, most classrooms are now in use

By RIC DOLPHIN

To all intents and purposes, the Lundy-Merritt building is completed. Its date of completion is not far off the time predicted in October by construction supervisor Bob Morley—he said construction would be finished in "mid-January."

The exotic smells of new paint and the jungle-rhythm hammerings will soon be quelled. Already, most of the sparkling new classrooms are in use and Mr. Morley said the other day that the interior of the complex is "98 per cent finished."

The purple, 98-seat amphitheatre is taking somewhat longer to finished as all the padded, plastic chairs have not arrived.

The computer centre, the biggest roon in the Lundy-Merritt Memorial building, remains unfinished indefinitely until the costly process of moving the equipment from the Mackenzie building can be undertaken. Mr. Morley said he thinks there is "a problem with government grants."

As far as the outside is concerned, there are trees to be planted, some re-sodding to be done and concrete slabs to be laid on the roof to create an elevated, outdoor walkway to the Voyageur block.

Mr. Morley is pleased with the progress that has been made, especially as there were 37 days lost because of inclement weather between January and May of last year.

Mr. Morley, an employee of Cooper Construction, Hamilton, commended Jack Spittle, college manager of property and plant, for his co-operation and the co-operation of the Niagara College building staff.

"The students have been pretty good," he added. The only vandalism to the building was two smashed windows at Halloween which may not have been the work of college students.

Mr. Morley recalled construction work on other colleges and universities where students stole lumber and tools. He said at McMaster University, Hamilton, many things were stolen and some students, "for a prank", put a mobile shack in the Dundas marsh.

Building began in the fall of 1975 and the construction contract was for $3.7 million. Mr. Morley said there have been no injuries during the operations.

School of Business now in new building

By MARNIE CLEMENT

The school of business has moved to the new Lundy-Merritt building, and students and staff are settled into their new surroundings.

Moving began Jan. 3, and by the first day back at school, Jan. 5, classrooms were ready for students, according to Arnot P. McIntee, dean of the school of business.

"The moving is almost complete, just minor adjustments have to be made," Mr. McIntee said. "There are still drapes and furniture to be installed."

The school of business was previously spread out across the entire campus, and now the math, applied management, and legal and economics divisions are in the new building.

"It's much easier," Mr. McIntee said. "Now a large part of the school of business resides under one roof.

"The students no longer need to jump from building to building to attend classes."

One of the major reasons for immediate acceptance of the new building by staff was that they worked closely with the architect in designing the building, and were able to suggest adjustments that would assist them in carrying out their jobs, Mr. McIntee said.

"These added features make for a good learning and work environment," he added.

Special project areas are a new concept in business education.

These areas are set aside for specialized programs where students can work in out-of-class hours, with easy access to staff. The rooms are off the main classrooms and are used by students to study, to do homework and get special help from their teachers.

"This is the student's work area," Mr. McIntee said. "So far the results have been encouraging."

The board of governors toured the new building on Jan. 27. Mr. McIntee said there will probably be people from the ministry of colleges and universities, and groups from sister colleges touring soon.

"Everything is starting to fit together," Mr. McIntee said. "Give us one week and things will be back to normal."

Supervisors and foremen taking Niagara College course

Eighty-five Ontario Paper Company supervisors taking a special course are among the first to test the new facilities in Niagara College's new Lundy-Merritt building.

The supervisors are taking part in a supervisory management course that originated through the combined efforts of the company and the college.

There are five one-week sessions, with 17 supervisors attending each session; the first group started on Jan. 14. A.S Manera, college president, and Arnot McIntee, dean of the School of Business, were on hand to welcome them to the college.

"This is our first opportunity to test theses new facilities," Mr. Manera said. "The program is unique, and we are proud of it."

Mr. Manera explained that the philosophy of the program was to try and get busy people employed by companies into different settings, to give them a chance to learn from each other.

"Past participants in this type of course have spoken very highly of it," Mr. Manera said.

Douglas Finch, chairman of extension, school of business, said all the men taking the course are veteran foremen who were chosen by the company to take the course. The men receive their regular salaries while attending Niagara.

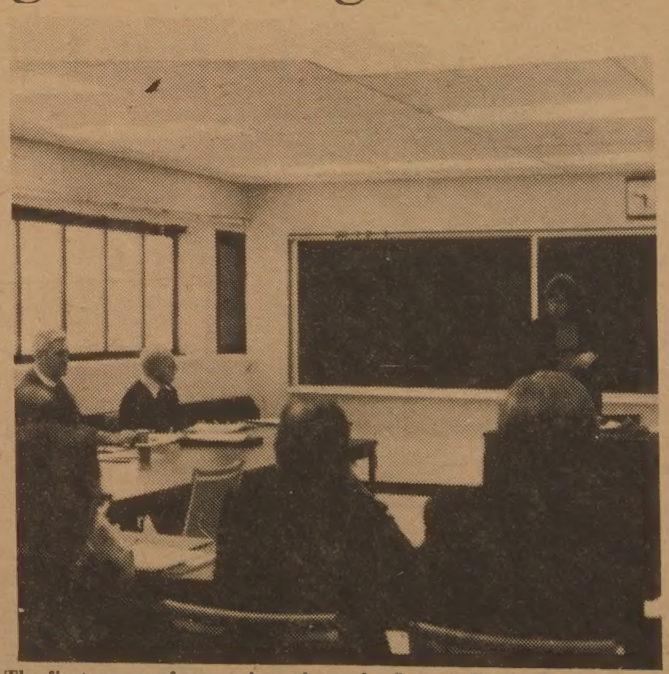
"You are the experts," Mr. Finch said while welcoming the men to Niagara. "In this course you may not find all the answers none of you possess all the knowledge and skills needed for the job.

"By participating in discussions, you will be able to learn from each other. You will get out of this course what you put into it."

Mr. Finch said that Niagara is also involved in a similar program with General Motors for 60 of their supervisors. The course started Jan. 24, and is a single six-week session.

The supervisory management program was devised to improve the performance of management personnel including foremen, supervisors, and group leaders from local industries.

Participants also receive instruction in recent techniques and improve their capabilities in judgements and decision-making.



The first group of supervisors from the Ontario Paper Company who are taking a special course at Niagara had their first class on Monday, Jan. 14 in the new building.
(Photo by Clement)

Niagara Notes

English OK

Ontario high school students generally have a reasonable grasp of English, a government-commissioned study of secondary and post-secondary education says.

A survey of about 5,600 students across the province shows that studnets generally reach what the report calls a survival level for English.

"Generalizations such as, 'secondary school graduates cannot write a sentence,' have no basis in fact," a summary of the report concludes.

A panel of post-secondary teachers judged that 50 per cent of the essays of Grade 12 students planning to enter community colleges were acceptable.

Back on job

Debbie Cole has withdrawn her resignation as Student Administrative Council (SAC) vice-president of finane.

Debbie will also resume her task as an information link between SAC and the college administration. She said when she was on council it was part of her job to keep the administration informed of SAC activities.

"Before they sign the cheques they like to know what's going on," she said.

Christians

A small group of students and instructors with a common interest meets every Thursday in a classroom in the Simcoe building.

They are a group ofChristians whose "Christians on campus" signs can be seen around the college. They gather to study the Bible and share ideas. "It's just Christians getting together," Norm Labbe, one of the members said.

Various backgrounds are represented—Baptists, Catholics, Methodists and Presbyterians.

The group, which has about 15 members, is led by Ed Wilson, co-ordinator of the general college diploma program. It meets every Thursday at 12 noon in S105c.

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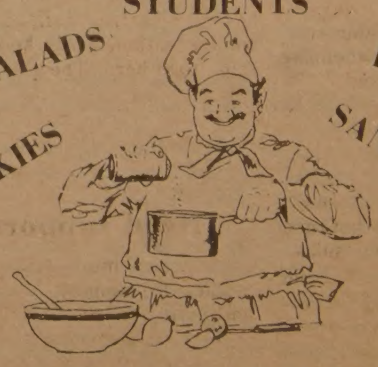

TUESDAYS AT NOON
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Heather Kilty leaves board

By SHELDON CURRAN

Reluctant to leave, but wanting to increase her knowledge in social work, Heather Kilty resigned her position as a member of the Niagara College board of governors. Miss Kilty announced her decision to leave at the last meeting of the board.

Miss Kilty, 29, a former Niagara student was the youngest board member in the college's history but this did not seem to bother the independent and determined woman.

"At first I didn't know how the other members would react, but after, I realized that age didn't matter," the Welland native said. "I hope they get some more young blood on the board in the future."

Miss Kilty has been a board member for three years and recently the Council of Regents asked her to serve another three-year term. Not all previous members had their term renewed.

"They (Council of Regents) are looking for new people to bring in new ideas," Miss Kilty said. "They might bring in older people to bring in continuity."

Lives on farm

Miss Kilty, who lives on an eight-acre farm in Wainfleet was graduated from Goddard College, Vermont, with a BA in Liberal Arts, and from Niagara in social work.

"I came to Niagara when it was in its first year of operation—the new animal called a college,"—the brown-haired woman laughed as she fidgeted with her earrings. "The college has grown immensely over the years."

Along with being the youngest member on the board of governors, Miss Kilty was the first former student on the board. She graduated in 1969. She was the Convocation speaker at Niagara's 1975 graduation.

The board of governors is just one of the many duties in which she has been involved. She has been a full-time worker for the Addiction and Research Foundation in St. Catharines for eight years. She taught Parent Communications and Sociology in extension at Niagara part-time last term.

Plans to teach

She plans to teach in the evenings in the spring and fall but it will depend on how much work she has in obtaining her master's degree in social work by independent programs, which she estimates will take her between 1½ and two years. She will continue to work at the Addiction and ResearchFoundation.

Retiring from the board of governors will not influence her to stay away from the college. She spent many hours at the college other than when she was on the board.

Miss Kilty was not always so involved in the field of education. She entered a convent when she was 18 but was "kicked out."

"It was better that I didn't confine my energy to the convent but spread it out to the community."

She admits that she is ambitious and she has proved that time and time again in the peninsula.

"I always thought that I would become involved in the educational and political rings and I have acquainted myself with both," Miss Kilty said. "At the moment I am just putting my knowledge in my back pocket."

Miss Kilty's first dream was to become the first woman Prime Minister of Canada but as she says, "that was a mammoth of a task."

Now she wants to become the first woman president of a community college.

"They don't have many women on the boards of governors but that is an old story," Miss Kilty said.

Although Miss Kilty was a woman on the board, she has a long road to travel before she becomes president of a community college.

Mentioning travelling, Miss Kilty replied that she had not travelled very far—"only in my head." She could have been talking about travelling to different countries or about the travelling she must do to achieve the goals she has set out for herself.

Miss Kilty enjoyed her stay on the board of governors and was quite willing to talk about the hardships which are present in the non-paying job.

Pioneers

"The first board of governors were very creative and enthusiastic—they were pioneers," Miss Kilty looked back in admiration. "They had many problems to face but so does the present board of governors."

"We (the board of governors) have to stop and pull in our horns—slim our budgets—ask ourselves which things are priorities."

In the near future, the decrease of budgets and the increasing number of students applying to attend community colleges will bring out a difficult task for the board.

"The college will have to turn away students in the future and the board will need people who can evaluate the situation," she said. "There are many questions which the board of governors will have to ask themselves. Attrition rates? What happens to the graduates? Are they prepared for their specialized field of work? Are they being placed in their trained field?"

Miss Kilty said that they might have to cut out certain programs from the college curriculum. There should be no problems for the technology school because in that field there is a great demand for employment.

"It's discouraging for high school students," Miss Kilty said. "They find a different parallel of education and in the future the board will not be able to accept all the applicants it has previously."

The problem for the board of governors is how to screen applicants—by marks, potential, past, maturity, motivation? It's a difficult question, Miss Kilty said.

Although the board will have a difficult task in the future, Miss Kilty feels it can handle the problems.

"I think that Niagara College has a creative staff, a good administration, which keeps the ship together. The board of directors is the rudder of the ship," Miss Kilty said. "But you must also have students who want to learn and sometimes we have it and sometimes we don't."

Need support

"You also must have a community to support the college and give it what it needs. The college has a good active advisory committee on the whole."

Miss Kilty and the other 11 members of the board try to keep abreast of what happens at the college, but the complexity of the curriculum sometimes makes that impossible.

"We have to rely on the president, A. S. Manera, deans and chairmen to keep us informed on what is happening at the college.

"The president makes it his business to be informed. He's no slouch. He's on top of things."

Miss Kilty has learned a great deal and she hoped that she gave a lot.

"On the board of governors you are playing with many dollars, the taxpayers dollar, and if you have a good staff it's like beating the drum in your own backyard. We have to know what pesos go where.

"It's not that exciting on the board because you have to wade through stacks of paper. There are long, boring meetings and it's not the domestic bliss many people think it is."

Although the board of governors does not get paid, Miss Kilty feels that a "price-tag" may have to be put on them if it becomes more time-consuming.

She laughed at a description of her made by George Hamilton, a board member. She quoted him as saying, "In the last three years, she has been a stone around our necks—but most of the time, a precious diamond."

Miss Kilty said in response, "I've probably been a burr on their side on many occasions."

"I like teaching more than I do being a member of the board of governors," Miss Kilty said.

Student apathy "appals" him

Student apathy at Niagara College was described by a student as "appalling" at a meeting to discuss protesting increased tuition fees.

"The lack of interest of students in this school is amazing; it really appals me," Vic Mutart, SAC theatre arts division representative, told the gathering of about 50 students and some faculty Jan. 25 in the Hamilton Room.

Tuition protest

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"This will come at a time when summer unemployment is high and OSAP restrictions are getting stricter and their loan ceiling higher," she said.

But A. S. Manera, Niagara College president who was in the audience, said he has not heard or read anything to justify stating that increases could continue in future years.

Ms Feldman said the recommendations of a government report on post-secondary education included one supporting a 65 per cent increase in tuition fees over a period of three or four years.

"It has been my experience that many recommendations of reports aren't followed," Mr. Manera said. "It would be speculative at this point to predict following the recommendations to their full extent. There has been no government announcement of definite fee increases for future years."

Ms Feldman said OFS is trying to get the issues out to the students and representatives of OFS are going into classrooms to explain the issues. She stressed that it is not only student leaders but a majority of students who support the anti-tuition-increases campaign.

NOT REPRESENTATIVE

"Are you sure that you represent the view of the majority of students?" a student in the audience asked.

The student pointed out that only about two per cent of Niagara's student population turned out for the meeting and that if a decision were reached at the meeting for a plan of action, it would only truly represent the views of those students at the meeting.

"In that case, action would be based upon what a small group had decided were the opinions of the majority," the student said.

"That's why we're bringing the issues to the students now," Ms Feldman said.

Guido said he felt OFS was aiming at the wrong group for support and should be concentrating on the parents of future students and on the community.

"Whatever students do will have less impact than if the community does it," he said.

Another student asked why OFS objected to increases in tuition fees, since the cost of most things is rising, especially if students want higher quality education.

Vic said students don't want to pay more for the same standard of education but would not complain if they were going to get more for the increased cost.

asked why peititions being circulated by OFS included the question, "Why pay more for less?"

Ms Feldman said Ontario is being faced with a time of cutbacks in all areas of education. Students will not see any cutbacks reduced because of higher tuition fees, she said.

"They're not hiring new faculty, not building as much, laying off support staff and not replacing equipment," she said.

"The quality of education is deteriorating or at a standstill and the price of tuitions is going up," Adam said.

There is also no indication that the increased fees a student pays will go back to the institution he is attending, Ms Feldman said.

ONTARIO FEES HIGHEST

Vic read a list of tuition costs for community colleges across Canada. Ontario students pay the highest tuition fees for colleges in the country, he said. With the increased tuition costs, fees for Ontario students will be much higher than those of students in other provinces.

If college education is so much cheaper in other provinces, free in some, and Ontario is one of the richest provinces, why should the Ontario government demand still more money in tuition fees from its students, Adam asked.

"That's what we'd like to know," Vic said.

Vic said there were not enough people at the meeting to decide a policy for all the students. He suggested a survey of the student body to find out the majority opinion on what course of action to take.

"We will let the students of this school decide," he said.

Celebrate Canada Festival will salute "things Canadian"

Let there be no confusion. Niagara will have a CELEBRATE CANADA FESTIVAL March 17 to 19, and it is nothing at all to do with Canada Heritage Day which may be in February.

This festival was conceived by John Muggeridge, Niagara College Canadian Studies specialist, who thought there should be a celebration of "things Canadian."

It happened Gail Hilyer, chair person, extension division, applied arts, was planning to hold an arts and crafts display at the same time, so the two events were merg d.

Mr. Muggeridge said the purpose of the Celebrate Canada Festival is two-fold. For students it is an educational "mini Canadian Studies course," and for outside community residents it is "a Canadian show."

It is designed to promote general cultural awareness, something Mr. Muggeridge feels is lacking. He said there is onlyh one college in Ontario that makes a Canadian Studies course obligatory and that is not Niagara.

Most of the activities are still in the planning stage. Financial arrangements have not been completed. A Wintario grant has been received but, Mr. Muggeridge said, more money is needed.

A publicity campaign is to be launched by the Radio and Television program. It will cost $1,200 and include newspaper advertising, direct mailing, promotion on cable TV and a billboard in Welland.

The arts and crafts show will be selling articles and a percentage of its earnings will be donated to pay for the cost of the presentation. One hundred organizations are expected to have exhibits; 85 have already signed up.

There are tentative plans for the St. Catharines Symphony orchestra to be on campus for the three days. The Royal Canadian Air Farce, a CBC radio satirical group, will record a program in the Hamilton Room for Canada-wide broadcast.

Other attractions include a 100-year-old menu in the cafeteria, a poetry recital by Charles Hayter reading the works of Robert Service, a beard-growing contest and a replica of an office from 100 years ago by the School ofBusiness.

Mr. Muggeridge said negotiations are underway to get a dog-sled team. This depends on the weather; "I don't know if you can mush without snow."

In his efforts to make Celebrate Canada Festival a success, Mr. Muggeridge said hehas to be "something of an evangelist." He said the biggest problem faced is student apathy. The success of this celebration will depend on "the enthusiasm of the participants."

He urges students to contact him or their own co-ordinator if they have any ideas for the occasion.

On Thursday, March 17, classes will be cancelled, but students' activities will be directed by their co-ordinator. On the Friday, there will probably be classes as usual, but Mr. Muggeridge said there will be lots of time for students to visit the exhibits around the campus.

My predictions

Habs to take Cup

By PAUL KREAMER

With the National Hockey League's 1976-77 season more than half finished, it's time to choose the playoff favorites.

However, there are some points I have never understood when it came to the NHL's second season format. Why does it take 86 games to eliminate such sad-sack organizations as Washington, Detroit, Cleveland, Colorado and the Minnesota No-Stars?

Fifteen to 20 games should be sufficient to show that these teams belong in the Ontario Senior "A" Hockey League instead of the NHL. Of course, the owners must make a profit on their investments by way of gate receipts, and the 86 games sometimes allow them to do this.

But how do you explain a team's performance, or lack of it, to a season ticket-holder in Cleveland when the Barons are out of the playoff race at only the halfway point?

Conversely, if you have a broad base of weak faltering clubs then you must have one powerhouse franchise to sit at the pinnacle of the power structure triangle.

The Montreal Canadiens are the elite of the league. Barring a complete collapse, the boys from Quebec will totally dominate the rest of the season and will be the team to beat in the finals.

There seems to be little in the way to stop the Canadiens from taking home the loving cup of Lord Stanley of Prescott this year.

It seems ironic that as powerful as theCanadiens are, the management has a farm team in Nova Scotia called the Voyageurs that could compete in the NHL and probably do better than the Detroit Red Wings.

All I can think of is that poor season ticket-holder in Cleveland watching the re-cycled California Golden Seals losing another game. There are at least four players on the Halifax team who could help the Barons take a run at the last playoff position in the Adams Division. But I guess that is the way of the world.

Following are the teams that should make the playoffs.

Campbell Conference

PATRICK DIVISION

Philadelphia—Should win the Campbell Conference and the Patrick Division by a slight edge over the New York Islanders.

With Bill Barber injured most of the year, and Reggie Leach's scoring touch gone, the Flyers have lost about of their goal-getting offence.

The guys from the city of brotherly love will not repeat as cup finalist.

New York Islanders—Coach Al Arbour has molded a strong defensive unit out of players released by other teams. The Islanders will become the heir apparent to Philly in the Stanley Cup final against Montreal.

Atlanta—The good old boys from the land of Dixie were willing to sell their top player,Tom Lysiak, to help keep the southern franchise afloat.Their play reflects their economic plight. The Flames should bow out in the first round.

SMYTHE DIVISION

Chicago—The Hawks will finish first in this weak link division with least amount of points needed to win a pennant.

Goalie Tony Esposito and Bobby Orr are the only bright spots for the once-proud Hawks, but I'm sure Tony-O will sue the team for non-support any day now. Ousted in their first series.

St. Louis —Coach Emile Francis has not seemed to learn his lesson. He picked up five players cut from the Rangers,who were there during Francis tenure as an unsuccessful mentor for theManhattan club. You do not win with known losers. Beaten out in the first round.

Vancouver—Futility in hockey equipment is the only way to describe the Canucks. Will be demolished in the initial series.

Minnesota—The North Stars are having another humiliating season. They might make the playoffs, but it will not be their knack of winning, but Vancouver's ability to lose. At best they will back intothird place.

Prince of Wales Conference

ADAMS DIVISION

Buffalo—The Adams will be won by the Sabres in a tight race with Boston.

Buffalo is not the scoring machine it once was, but it has enough punch to defeat an adequate number of second-rate teams. Will be knocked out in the second or third round.

Boston—The days of the big bad Bruins are gone, and with them went their hope of a Stanley Cup. Should go out in third round.

Toronto—Last year against Philadelphia, the Leafs staged a tough stand and took the wind out of the Flyers' sails. Depending on who they play in the second round, they MIGHT make it into the semi-finals.

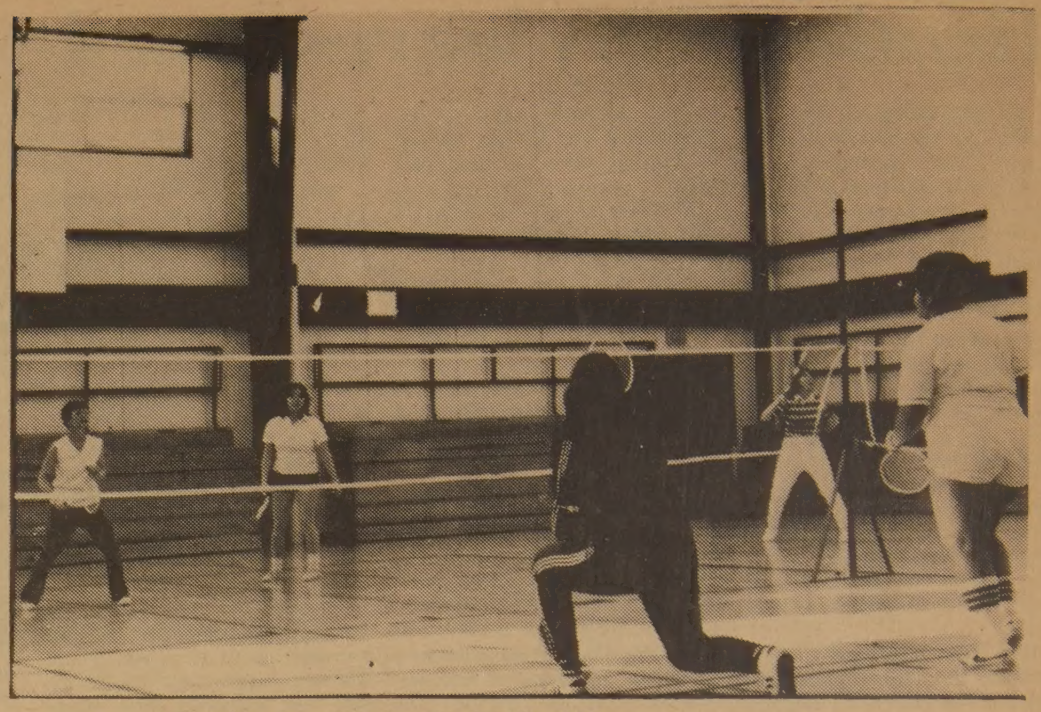
NORRIS DIVISION

Montreal—The class of the league. As they are now,the Canadiens are the dream team of the mid-1970s.

Pittsburgh—A wide open offence, a lack of defence and no crowds are the Penguins' claim to fame, and the magic will evaporate quickly in the playoffs. Out in the first round.

Los Angeles—Since the management traded for offence (Marcel Dionne) instead of defence (Terry Harper and Dave Maloney), the LA outfit has slipped into mediocre obscurity. Out in second round.

Those are my predictions, and if it should come to pass that Colorado Rockies beat the Cleveland Barons in seven games for the Stanley Cup, and you lose your shirts, don't blame me.



Crouching in anticipation, Sue Distillo of Niagara prepares to return the serve of her coach, Wanda Bach. This match took place after the Niagara Regional Invitational Badminton tournament Jan. 22. Niagara placed third in the team standings with Mohawk College winning the honors. (Photo by Curran)

Racket team finished third

Defending champions Mohawk College, Hamilton, were the big victors at the Niagara Regional Invitational Badminton tournament at Niagara College Jan. 22, winning the team title, men's singles and men's doubles.

In the ladies singles, Jill Jackson from Fanshawe College, London, took first place, with a perfect five for five performance. The mixed doubles went to Rob Eisenberger and Val Rogers from State University College, Buffalo.

Mohawk's singles victory was by Steve Astrop, who posted seven straight wins of the seven matches he played. The men's doubles triumph was engineered by Ed Kahle and Tan-Fatt Peng.

Host Niagara College placed third in the team standings six points out of first place.

In the ladies singles competition, Sue Distillo, with a 3-2 win-lost record, finished third over all, with Lynn O'Neil,1-4, in fifth of a field of seven.

Bronco Tomasic,5-2, was Niagara's top player in the men's singles with a third place showing, and Bob Lake,4-3, Niagara's other entry ended up in fifth position of eight competitors.

The men's doubles team of Malcolm Norris and Mark Broughton went winless in six matches to end up in last place of their division.

Ron McKay and Karen Oaks posted a 2-2 record for third in the mixed doubles competition.

Wanda Bach, coach of the Niagara badminton team, said she was pleased with the squad's performance at the invitational, considering its lack of experience at the intra-collegiate level.

"I'm pleased that Bronko came in third, and he did pretty well, only losing to the top two (Astrop and Mohawk's John Cordeiro)," she said. "I'm also pleased with Sue Distillio getting a third place because this was the first time she ever played in the singles."

Mrs. Bach said the tourney was the first time the men's doubles played together, and that accounted for the 0-6 record.

The badminton team is looking for more women to join the team. Those interested may call the athletic department on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Final standings
Niagara Regional Invitational Badminton Tournament

COLLEGE	POINTS
Mohawk, Hamilton	17
Fanshawe, London	21
Niagara College	23
State University College, Buffalo	30

SPORTS

Ski trip a success to St. Donat, Que.

Despite snow conditions that were less than perfect, the Ski Club's trip to the Laurentians from Jan. 20 to 23 was a success.

For the first time in the recorded history of the club there were no injuries on the trip.

The club, as it has done for the past several years, went to Mont Garceau, in St. Donat, Que. St. Donat is about 80 miles north of Montreal.

The trip began Thursday, Jan. 20, as 41 students loaded on the bus in high spirits for the 10-hour trip to Quebec.

Highlight of the weekend was when a group of American tourists from New York City challenged the Niagara students to a broomball game.

The Canadians, with deft passing and a clean, hard-hitting style, romped to a 2-0 win. The winners were led by Lenny Rominger and Wayne Newman.

Team Canada was cheered on by a following of cheerleaders, composed of most of the girls on the trip.

The club was lodged in the Manoir des Laurentides, a hotel in St. Donat. Unfortunately, a small group of students damaged several doors which had to be repaired or replaced. Damage totalled $50 and the students chipped in to pay for the damages.

Many of the runs had bare rock or grass showing, but in general conditions were good.

When not on the slopes most of the students spent their time in the hotel's disco until the small hours of the morning.

It was a bleary-eyed group of students that pulled into the college at 1 a.m., Monday, Jan. 24.

Bowling, 50¢ games, free shoes

Bowling, the only intramural sport to be carried over from the fall term to the winter, is alive and well at Bowl-O-Rama Lanes, Welland.

The 12-team league, which bowls Tuesday from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m., is run by Casey Filipek, second-year business student.

An agreement with the owner of the 968 Niagara St. Bowling alley allows the free use of bowling shoes to the league. Players are charged 50 cents a game.

The total number of students participating this term is 48, compared to the 64 who signed up in fall.

"We started out with 16 teams, but due to people not returning, we dropped down to 12,"Peter Rylander, athlectic director, said. "We picked up no more than four or five players since this term started, and as it is now, we will not be adding anyone else to the team."

Mr. Rylander said the athletic department used to run two different seasons of bowling, "but now that we lost four teams in one complete season set-up, we will have to re-evaluate it (single season) at the end of the year."

Badminton winners

Mohawk College, Hamilton, won the over-all team standings in the Niagara Regional Invitational Badminton tournament held at Niagara College on Jan. 22. Front row, from the left, are: John Cordeino, second in the men's singles; Bill Seed, first in the mixed doubles; Bob Streicher, second in the mixed doubles. Standing, from the left, are: Steve Astrop, first in the men's singles; Andrea Murphy, second in the ladies singles; Eddy Kahle, first in men's doubles; and Tan Fatt Ping, first in the men's doubles. (Photo by Curran)

Knights win two, but bombed once

By PAUL KREAMER

Niagara College men's basketball team ran into a buzz-saw from Buffalo and was trounced 110-52.

Bryant and Stratton Business College outclassed the court Knights in every department on Jan. 24 in the Mackenize gym on their way to victory in an exhibition game.

The balanced attack by the Buffalo crew was led by Richard Hammond with 22, Don Williams,16, and Pat Dwight,14. Eight of the 10 players for Bryant and Stratton got into double figures.

Niagara's Mike Soucie scored 16 with 10 of them coming in the second-half. Terry Krawec and Erv Overmeyer netted 10 points each.

Overmeyer, whose usual position is forward, was pressed into service as centre with regular pivot Ted Kicinski out of the line-up with a sprained ankle.

Niagara trailed 51-22 at halftime only hitting five of 28 shots from the floor for a 18 per cent average. From the line, Niagara went 12 for 12 in the first-half compared to 7 of 13 for Buffalo. The court crew shot at a 37 per cent clip for the game making 19 of 54 shots from the field.

In regular season play the men have made a complete turnaround in the new year, winning their first three games, all in convincing fashion.

Peter Rylander, coach of the team, said the main reason for the team's change to winning ways in regular season play is that the squad is starting to play together.

"Jim Watson and Erv Overmeyer only came out towards the end of last term. Watson couldn't play that much because of a knee operation. Erv is a big guy and he'll help out on the boards," the coach said, but three games doesn't constitute a season."

MOHAWK

Niagara defeated Mohawk College, Hamilton, 82-63 in Hamilton on Jan. 21 by constantly ripping open the opposition's zone defence.

"They stayed in a zone all night which I couldn't understand. We just found the seams to their defence and just kept feeding our shooters, either Soucie or Watson," Mr. Rylander said.

The Mohawk game was the second consecutive game for the court Knights. The night before they travelled to Toronto to do battle with Centennial.

"The kids were more tired on Friday night(Jan. 21). I'm glad it's over. It doesn't sound like much, travelling to just Toronto or Hamilton, but you're playing in strange gyms," the coach said.

Big guns for Niagara were guard Soucie with 33, the highest scoring feat for a Niagara player this year. Kicinski got 15 and Watson sank 14 to help the cause.

Mohawk's Dana Wedlock had a good game, scoring 21 with Brian Boettcher and Gary Dinsmore backing up Wedlock with 15 and 12 points respectively.

"We were losing 21-13 after the first 10 minutes. We had all the shots but couldn't sink them. In the last 10 minutes of the first half, we out scored them 28-12," Mr. Rylander said.

The coach explained that his team only hit three of 20 attempts for the first seven minutes. For the game, NC shot 37 per cent on 28 of 76

CENTENNIAL

Over the shorter Centennial College, Toronto, team Niagara out rebounded their way to a 78-58 victory in Toronto on Jan.20.

"We controlled the backboards at both ends of the court, and had 21 offensive rebounds alone," Mr. Rylander said.

NC's Watson led all scorers with 22 followed by Krawec's 17 and Kicinski's 16

Centennial's Maurice Harrison had 15 with Terry Mercury and John Dodaro both scoring 11.

The court Knights shot a 45 percentage throughout the encounter making 30 of 67 from the floor.

"The shots were mostly from inside, but we're shooting better and starting to get our rebounds too," the bench boss said.

At press time, the basketball team's record was 4-7. The crew's first win of the new year was over Conestoga College, Kitchener.

Playoff hopes appear slim as Knights drop three in a row

With the Ontario College Athletic Association Hockey League schedule winding down, the men's hockey team has only a dim chance of a playoff berth.

"We're not going to make the playoffs if we don't get going," Fred Bassi, team coach, said. "It's not that we're not trying, but the other teams are just getting better."

Niagara lost to Humber Jan. 25, the sixth straight loss for the Niagara Knights. This left them with the task of winning at least three of their remaining five games. Centennial College, Toronto, must lose the rest of their regular season games for the Knights to advance into the second season. At press time, Niagara's record stood at 3-8-1.

HUMBER

Powered b y Bill Morrison and Bob Heisler's five-goal game, Humber College,Toronto, defeated the rink Knights 8-2.

The Jan. 25 game saw Morrison score a hat-trick, with Heisler netting two in the encounter in Toronto. Single markers went to Rob Thomas, Wayne Sooley and Rick Crumpton.

Niagara's two goals in the second and third periods came off the sticks of Jim Ives and captain Pat Flynn.

The rough contest saw six fighting majors assessed against each club.

ALGONQUIN

Two goals each by John Jessop and Brian McCullough powered Algonquin College, Ottawa, to a 7-2 victory over the Niagara ice Knights.

The understaffed Niagara team was tied with Ottawa 1-1 after the first, were behind 3-2 going into the third, and were blanked 4-0 in the final stanza.

NC's goals came from Pat Flynn and Tom MacLean. Algonguin's other sharpshooters were Rusty McKague, Mike Coldham and Brian Barry.

"Algonquin started the season off slowly, but now they've won their last three or four games," Mr. Bassi said of the school from the nation's capital with a student population of over 5,000.

"We were down to four defencemen again for this game. I lost one guy because he had low marks, and two others couldn't make the trip. The inexperience started to show, and towards the end of the game the guys got tired," the coach said of the Jan. 22 encounter in Ottawa.

PAT FLYNN

SHERIDAN

The hockey squad dropped a 6-4 decision to Sheridan College, Oakville, at the Welland Arena on Jan. 15, its first regular game of the new year.

Niagara goals came from Jim Ives, Tom MacLean, Pat Flynn and Darte Millar.

Oakville's come-from-behind victory was powered by a pair of markers by Ken Steen. Singles went to Bill Barnes, Brian Bennett, Ray Jones and Chris McMillan.

The ice Knights led 2-1 after the first and Sheridan tied it 3-3 going into the third. Niagara was out-shot by Oakville 41-31.

A total of 23 minor penalties was called by the referee with NC getting nailed with 13 of them.

Snowmobiles

Niagara Falls snowmobilers are warned there are only four areas within city limits where snowmobiles are allowed.

The Niagara Parks Commission (NPC) allots a 100-acre area above the Falls near the Niagara River, and snowmobilers may also take advantage of NPC's 18-hole Whirlpool golf course, providing there is a base of six inches or more.

Montrose Road near McLeod Road—are the only other areas where snowmobiling is permitted.

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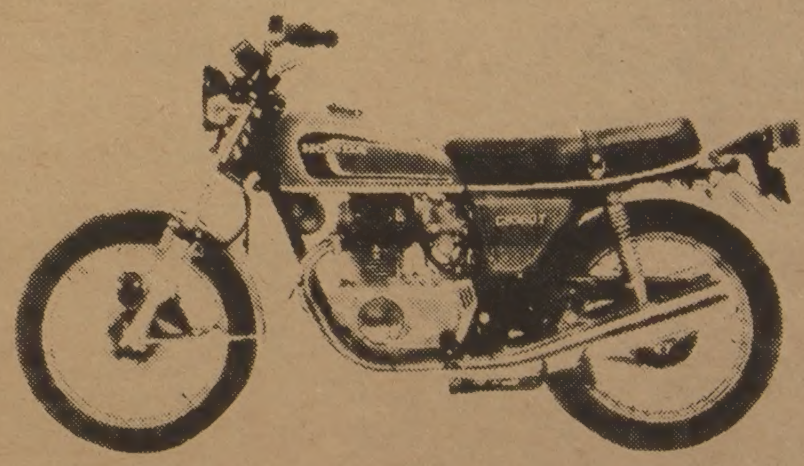

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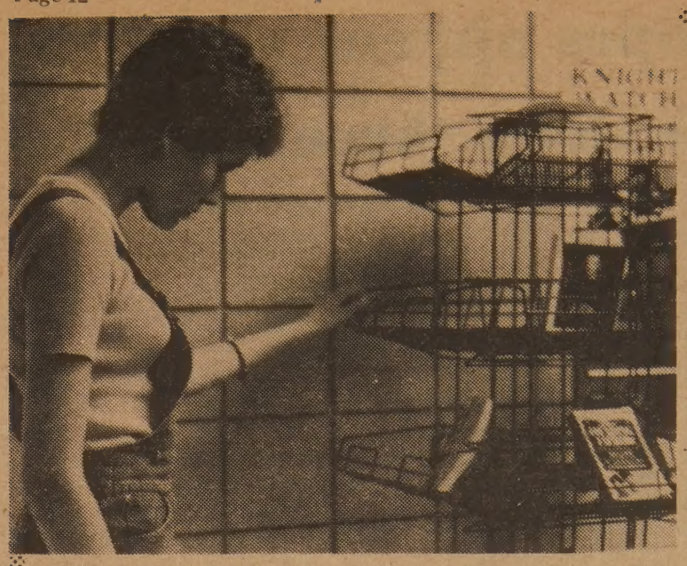

Where have all the good books gone?

Although hundreds of books were circulated among college students and staff, they rarely found their way back to the book racks.

(Photo by Clement)

100s dwindled fast, books not returned

By MARNIE CLEMENT

Poor Gary Webb
Went to his rack
To get his poor student a book.
When he got there,
His book rack was bare,
All of his books had got took.

Gary Webb, English instructor, said people are neglecting to return the books they borrow from the book racks in the halls of the Simcoe building.

"I don't think they are intending to keep them," Mr. Webb said. "They're just forgetting to bring them back."

The books that *were* on the racks were contributed by people who had spare paperbacks "just sitting around at home." A few were purchased from used book stores, but the funds were not available to buy very many, he said.

Originally, there were several hundred books on the racks; now each rack has about 15.

"The idea of the books was not for people to build private collections, but to distribute the books around," Mr. Webb said.

"I don't know how to go about getting people to bring the books back."

The program had two purposes: the first was too successful—to get the people to take the books; the second, to get them to bring them back. That's what has to be worked on, Mr. Webb said.

PATTY MATTHEWS

College Queen

Patty Matthews, first year general college, placed first in a field of seven contestants to become Niagara's College Queen for 1976-77.

Mary Watson, Niagara Falls nursing student, was chosen as first princess and Ann Nagypal, Mack nursing student, is Niagara's second princess.

Six judges marked the girls on first impression, poise, looks, personality and their answer to a question. The contest was held at the Winter Formal at the Sheraton-Brock ballroom in Niagara Falls Dec. 17.

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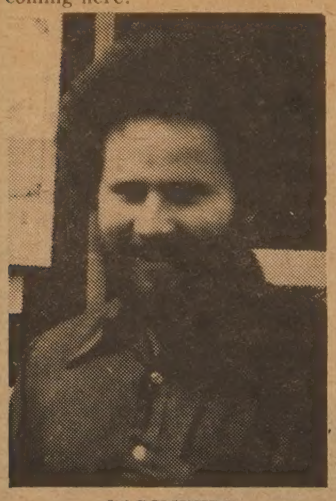
DRAMATIC DROP

Actually, Canada's illiteracy rate for the general population has dropped dramatically in the past 30 years, Mr. Webb said. And while it is true that students now entering post-secondary schools have problems in English grammar, this is to expected because of the increase in the number of students attending school.

Advanced education, even a Grade 12 diploma, used to be the privilege of the elite, he said, but this is no longer true.

"What we're getting is a new type of student," he said, "especially at the community college level. The ones who used to go directly into the work force or into apprenticeship programs are coming here."



GARY WEBB

These areas, at least in the past, did not require a high level of proficiency in language. But now, in areas such as technology, the ability to communicate is vital.

"The English instructor is often centred out as the scapegoat," Mr. Matthews said. "But they are actually doing a remarkable job because communications is the most complex study of all for a number of reasons.

"It's infinitely subtle, it's varied, there are few hard and fast rules and it's highly visible. Let's face it. A student does not walk around reciting chemical equations, but is talking and writing and his abilities in these areas are constantly in view."

NOT MOST IMPORTANT

Grammar is not the most important part of communications, Mr. Webb said. The student must develop an awareness of the flow of language.

"It's the difference between teaching a person to walk and teaching him the rules of equilibrium," he said. "You can teach him the rules but that doesn't mean he'll know how to write."

"The best way to improve a person's writing is to make him write, find his weak areas and then concentrate on improving them," Mr. Matthews said. "If he's at all motivated, he'll improve."

Mr. Matthews speculated that television has added to the problem of illiteracy.

"TV is great but it's not going to help a person read or write any better if he watches it five hours a day."

English is not in immediate danger of extinction, Mr. Webb said.

"On the contrary, I think there has been an advance in literacy in that there are more people persisting in schools than 30 years ago," he said. "The problem is that the general public is under an illusion that 30 years ago there existed some sort of perfection in grammar, but that's just not true."

The educational standards used in the past were for the upper crust of society and are obsolete today because the philosophy of education has changed to embrace the general population, he said.

Chitty chitty buzz buzz

IEEE students to build electric car for NC

By LYNNE VAN TILBORG

The practicality of an electric car, the possibility of an electronic frost detector, and the prudence of building a TV typewriter from scratch—these are three subjects of progress reports presented by third year electronics, power, computer and technology students.

All third year students in these courses are required to submit a technical report—worth six credit hours—as a combined English-technology assignment. They gave a preview of these reports to first and second year students on Jan. 18.

"This year the students are doing their reports in innovative ways to solve some practical technological problems," Gordon Chen, instructor, said.

Fred Goffin and Bob Erskine, who want to build an electric car, have been scrounging parts to try to cut down on costs.

This project is being sponsored by the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (IEEE) and the Student Administrative Council (SAC).

The car, when built, will be used as a Niagara College display in area parades.

"It sounds impossible at first, but we decided we could do it," Fred said.

It was a good chance to research a new energy field, he added.

The car will carry the driver and one passenger and will go at a maximum speed of 40 m.p.h.

Rob McKean and Dan Degasperis are designing an electronic frost detector. Mr. Chen said a farmer told them they had taken a wrong approach to the problem, so they went to the agricultural research station in Vineland for further information.

Rob and Dan now have plans for a device which measures three conditions in the weather to predict and warn of the coming of frost.

Butch Buchkowski built his TV typewriter strictly for a hobbyist's use. There is a kit for such a device offered at $75; he built his for $25.

During his report, an object fell from the table where his display was set up.

"It still works," he said. "I guess I didn't need that part anyway."

The students are required to come up with their own projects. They are to gather the information and materials necessary to complete them.

The students didn't know what to expect, Mr. Chen said. A major hang-up is that parts ordered last term have not yet arrived.

The presentations were sponsored by the IEEE to let first and second year students decide what aspects of the program they are interested in and to give them some ideas for their own technical reports.

Gopal Maindiratta, Rien Weststrate, Al Kennedy, Ed Kamphuis, Paul Kazmir, George Cuirik and Bob Sleeth also gave reports.

Snow

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to come out of the $7,000 budget for snow removal.

Mr. Harrison and his crew put in a total of 113 hours trying to keep the lots clear, but fought a losing battle against the storm which raged for three days.

As well as parking lots, Harrison's is also partially responsible for stairways and sidewalks.

"We only do the rough work though," Mr. Harrison said. "If we took the time to shovel all sidewalks and stairs, we wouldn't have time to get any work done."

He said the first priority after a big storm is fire exits.

MIDNIGHT ON

Most of the work done by Harrison's is between 12 midnight and 8 a.m. when the campus is free of cars. Students who complain do not realize that "our time is limited," Mr. Harrison said.

"It would do some students good to get up and see what my men and I are doing at two and three o'clock in the morning." Mr. Harrison said.

Students who worked at the college during the summer were offered jobs clearing snow between 4 a.m. and 8 a.m. in the winter. Not one accepted. Mr. Harrison said the job is still open to any student willing to shovel snow between these hours by calling 735-7976.

"For the area there is to clear and the condition of the lots, this college has been kept in pretty good shape," Mr. Harrison said.

Gumball Rally

NC students ride again!

By TIM MASON

Anyone who saw cars flipping over each other and doing wheelstands down city streets in the recent movie The Gumball Rally might be against entering a car rally during Winter Carnival week with the same name.

But Arden Phair, president of the Travel Club, which will sponsor this year's rally, promises the event will not be as dangerous — but just as exciting.

"We're not a Monte Carlo rally," he said. "The cars don't end up as basket cases — unless you normally drive that way."

The Gumball Car Rally begins at 1 p.m. next Tuesday, Feb. 8, and cars will be dispatched every three minutes from Niagara's parking lot C. The rally is open to students and faculty and there is no charge.

All that is needed to form a rally entry is a car, driver and navigator. Arden said the 60 to 70-mile course consists of three checkpoints where rally teams must unscramble words and solve riddles to stay on course, ending up "at a famous watering hole."

Points will be given for correct answers, he said, and the team's finishing time will also be a factor in the final standings.

Karen Janisse, public relations for the Travel Club, said cash prizes and trophies will be awarded to the top three squads.

Karen said she would like to see challenges made between programs and co-ordinators.

A type of rescue service will be available in case of vehicle breakdown, she said.

Last year the winning team's gas tank fell off, Karen said, and it was held in place with binder twine for the rest of the rally.

Colleges improved, good investment

A survey shows that the public feels community colleges are a good investment and have improved over the last five years.

The same poll, part of a government education study, indicated that 40 per cent of the public believe the quality of high school education has deteriorated and less than half feel universities have improved.